

By-Laws of the Morgan Horse Association of Australia Inc

(As amended on 17th March 2018)

1. In accordance with Rule 5.2 of the MHAA, the Treasurer may approve expenditure on behalf of the Association up to the amount of \$600
2. Officers to be elected at the AGM shall be
 - 3.1 Youth Liaison Officer - Responsible for promoting and co-ordinating youth competition and training seminars.
 - 3.2 State Liaison Officers - One for each State with members. Responsible for encouraging participation of members in promoting Morgan Horses in their State
 - 3.3 Show Secretary - Responsible for chairing the Show Committee to organise the running of the Australian National Morgan Show
 - 3.4 National Promotions Officer
3. Membership & subscription fees will be reviewed by the board of directors on an annual basis.
Current fees shall be as follows: *(effective Feb 1st 2018)*
 - Junior Membership \$25.00
 - Ordinary Membership \$66.00
 - Family Membership \$88.00
 - Stud Membership \$110.00
 - Corporate Membership \$325.00
 - Annual Subscription \$44.00
 - Day Membership \$20.00
4. New purchasers of Morgan Horse Association of Australia Inc registered Pure or Part Bred Morgan horses shall receive a free Ordinary membership of the Association for the current financial year. The “current financial year” is read to mean until the end of the current Membership year as per the rules of the Association except where the free membership period would be less than two months. If the free membership period would be less than two months then the free membership period be until the end of the next membership year (i.e. up to 14 months).
5. All horses registered with the MHAA must be presented and/or competed free of any banned substance. Any expenses relating to the swabbing of a horse will be met by either the protester, if the swab is negative, or the registered owner if the swab is positive.
6. The benefits of membership & subscriptions of the Morgan Horse Association of Australia Inc. includes the following:

a) Life Membership

- Eligible for member rates on advertising, registrations, transfers and other registry associated fees
- Eligible for member rates on entry fees at MHAA Shows for horses registered in the member's name.
- Regarded as a member for one person Eligible to stand for all executive positions of the MHAA
- To receive the Association newsletter and magazine

b) Ordinary Membership

- Eligible for member rates on advertising, registrations, transfers and other registry associated fees
- Eligible for member rates on entry fees at MHAA Shows for horses registered in the member's name.
- Regarded as a member for 1 person Eligible to stand for all executive positions of the MHAA
- To receive the Association newsletter and magazine

c) Family Membership

- Eligible for member rates on advertising, registrations, transfers and other registry associated fees
- Eligible for member rates on entry fees at MHAA Shows for horses registered in the member's name.
- Regarded as members, for up to 2 adults and 2 children. Adult members are eligible to stand for all executive positions of the MHAA
- To receive the Association newsletter and magazine
- Membership application and renewal is to list the nominated adult members for voting rights

d) Stud Membership

- Eligible for member rates on advertising, registrations, transfers and other registry associated fees
- Eligible for member rates on entry fees at MHAA Shows for horses registered in the member's name.
- Regarded as members, for up to 2 persons, Adult members eligible to stand for all executive positions of the MHAA
- To receive the Association newsletter and magazine
- Eligible for stud or breeder registration
- Membership application and renewal is to list the nominated adult members for voting rights

e) Junior Membership

- Must be under the age of 18 for the duration of the membership year
- Eligible for member rates on advertising, registrations, transfers and other registry associated fees
- Eligible for member rates on entry fees at MHAA Shows for horses registered in the member's name.
- Regarded as a junior member Not eligible to stand for any executive position of the MHAA
- To receive the Association newsletter and magazine

f) Corporate Membership

- Eligible for member rates on advertising, registrations, transfers and other registry associated fees
- Eligible for member rates on entry fees at MHAA Shows for horses registered in the member's name.

- Regarded as members, for up to 2 persons. Adult members eligible to stand for all executive positions of the MHAA
- To receive the Association newsletter and magazine
- Membership application and renewal is to list the nominated adult members for voting rights

g) Annual Subscription

- To receive the bi monthly Association newsletter
- To receive the annual Association magazine

h) Day Membership

- 24 hour membership
- Excludes voting rights.
- Eligible for member rates on entry fees at MHAA Shows for horses registered with the MHAA.
- Not eligible for member's rates on advertising, registration, transfers and other registry associated fees.
- Not eligible to receive the Associations Newsletter or Magazines

7. The Show Secretary's position continues for 60 days after the show, to complete show business.

8. Pure Bred Morgan Registration Procedure

The Pure-Bred Registration Procedure is detailed in the document titled "Morgan Horse Association of Australia Registry Rules and Regulations" and will change from time to time, by Board decision, to remain compliant with AMHA requirements.

9. Procedure for Registering Part Bred Morgans

- For a part bred Morgan to be registered with MHAA, one of its parents must be a MHAA registered pure bred Morgan horse. Only the validated current owner of the part bred Morgan can apply for registration.
- Branding/micro chipping is optional but if so identified, you must detail this information on the diagram on the back of the application form. Either fire or freeze branding is acceptable.
- Registered MHAA pure bred stallion owners, must return a yearly Stallion Service Report to the registrar, by 30th June each year, along with the registrar's copy of the Service Certificate for each mare covered. being held up. Upon the birth of a part bred Morgan, the Notification of Birth form is to be filled out and returned to the registrar within 90 days from birth, Part bred Morgans can become Adult registered at any time provided the following paperwork is completed and submitted to the Registrar:
By the Stallion owner:
A: Stallion Service report
B: copy of the Service Certificate
By the Mare owner:
A: copy of the Service Certificate

B: Notification of Birth form properly completed with an accurate description of the horse's markings, brands, etc

- Application for Registration, again accurately completed
- The appropriate fee/s, these fees are detailed in the Fee Schedule
- Part bred colts are not eligible for registration until they have been gelded. A Notification of Gelding form signed by your vet must be forwarded to the Part Bred Registrar, for the registration to proceed.
- Upon the sale of a part bred Morgan horse, a Transfer of Registration/ Ownership form should be completed and returned to the Registrar, by the seller, with the original Certificate as appropriate and appropriate transfer fee to enable a new Certificate to be forwarded to the new owner.
- MHAA reserves the right to conduct random parentage validation of any registered part bred Morgan. When a part bred is selected for parentage validation, the owner will be responsible for the veterinary cost of blood/DNA collection, MHAA will bear the cost of blood/DNA typing and validation by the University of Queensland laboratory.
- In the event that validation indicates that the parentage is invalid, registration will be cancelled and registration and any other costs will be forfeited by the owner.
- All fees regarding registration/ownership of Part bred Morgan horses, shall be as from time to time determined by the Board of Directors and published in the Association newsletter.

10. Each year, upon renewal of membership, a family membership shall nominate two members of an immediate family to represent that membership as members of the MHAA.

11. A non MHAA member, upon breeding and fully registering a Part Bred Morgan horse, be granted a complimentary membership of the Association for the remainder of the current financial year in which the horse is registered.

12. The following classes and events be part of the standard show program at every ANMS.

17.1. Led Breed Classes for Pure & Part bred separated into age & sex classes

17.2. Champion & Reserve Pure & Part bred Led for each sex

17.3. Supreme Champion Pure & Part Led

17.4. Ridden Classes for Pure & Part bred separated into sex classes & age classes if numbers permit

17.5. Champion & Reserve Pure & Part bred Ridden for each sex

17.6. Supreme Ridden

17.7. Mary Wolverton Silvery Buckle Versatility Challenge

17.8. Western Reining - Helen Perry Memorial Trophy

17.9. Annual Association Awards be presented at the ANMS

17.10. Other suggested classes such as Costume, Liberty, Showjumping, Harness, Dressage etc can be added at the discretion of the show secretary.

17.11. The show program must be presented to the board for approval prior to publishing or distributing to members.

13. The Mary Woolverton Versatility Buckle Challenge has a standardised program/set of requirements and the program is to be as follows:

Pure Breds and Part Breds shown together.

- a) **Class 1. Working In Hand:** *To showcase the horse's obedience and training in hand to a high degree of excellence. The Show Committee will select from 4 possible patterns to suit the venue and the demographic of the particular ANMS. Patterns provided by MHAA board. Attire and gear from any discipline may be worn, but mixing and matching is not allowed.*
- b) **Class 2. Long Reining:** *To demonstrate the obedience and training in this discipline to a high degree of excellence. The Show Committee will select from 4 possible patterns to suit the venue and the demographic of the particular ANMS. Patterns provided by MHAA board. Long reining is defined as an "in-hand" technique where the horse is equipped with a saddle or surcingle, bridle, and a pair of long "reins" which are held by a handler who walks behind the horse and drives him forward. Full harness may be worn but is not required.*
- c) **Class 3. Versatility Ridden:** *To demonstrate the education, range of paces and tractability of the horse under saddle to a high degree of excellence. Workout to be devised by Show Committee to demonstrate the following elements: Working on the bit; Walk, Trot and Canter both directions; Lengthening at the trot; Lengthen at the canter; Square halts; min 6 cavalletti (may be set separate or in a grid), and rein back. Attire and gear from any discipline may be worn, but mixing and matching is not allowed.*
- d) **Class 4. Challenge Course:** *To show the maneuverability, education and partnership of horse and rider to a high degree of excellence. MHAA Board will provide a list of 15 obstacles for this event, 8 of which the show committee will select to suit the space available at the venue. Attire and gear from any discipline may be worn, but mixing and matching is not allowed.*
- e) **Class 5. Trotting Race:** *distance 800 metres, or once around a trotting track. Should a horse break gait (canter), the rider must turn a full circle before continuing. Three breaks of gait receives elimination. Show Committee to put a proposal to MHAA Board on how this race is to be run (in a group or timed heats) depending on venue facilities.*

Attire and gear from any discipline may be worn, but mixing and matching is not allowed.

14. To guarantee that all MHAA documents and decisions are kept safe for future reference the use of Dropbox is adopted as the official forum for all MHAA documents and online communication.

15. Public Officers of the MHAA are

Board Members - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director; NPO; SLOs; ANMS Show Co-ordinator; MHAA Webmaster; Morgan Messenger and Corroboree Editor

16. Show Presentation: Pure Bred or Part Bred Morgan horses may be presented either plaited or unplaited when competing in a Morgan show or in a Morgan class.

17. The Board of the MHAA may provide a grant of up to a total of \$1000 per year (maximum of \$250 per person) for the purpose of assisting the President, Director, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or any other MHAA official to travel to the ANMS and attend the show and the AGM.