

By-Laws of the Morgan Horse Association of Australia Inc

(As amended on 2nd April 2015)

1. All decisions taken by the Board and all minutes of General Meetings be distributed to all members with the AGM notice.
2. In accordance with Rule 5.2 of the MHAA, the Treasurer may sign cheques on behalf of the Association up to the amount of \$600
3. 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
4. Membership & subscription fees will be reviewed by the board of directors on an annual basis.
Current fees shall be as follows:
Junior Membership \$22.00
Ordinary Membership \$55.00
Family Membership \$77.00
Stud Membership \$77.00
Corporate Membership \$275.00
Annual Subscription \$33.00
5. 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).
6. As set out in Rule 4.1, Discipline, Suspension and Expulsion of Members, the Board of Directors may by resolution impose a fine not exceeding \$500.
7. 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.
8. The benefits of membership & subscriptions of the Morgan Horse Association of Australia Inc. includes the following:

8a 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 under the MHAA public liability insurance policy
- Eligible to stand for all executive positions of the MHAA
- To receive the Association newsletter and magazine

8b 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 under the MHAA public liability insurance policy
- Eligible to stand for all executive positions of the MHAA
- To receive the Association newsletter and magazine

8c 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, under the MHAA public liability insurance policy
- 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 members for insurance purposes
- Membership application and renewal is to list the nominated adult members for voting rights

8d 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, under the MHAA public liability insurance policy
- 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 members for insurance purposes
- Membership application and renewal is to list the nominated adult members for voting rights

8e 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 under the MHAA public liability insurance policy
- Not eligible to stand for any executive position of the MHAA
- To receive the Association newsletter and magazine

8f 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, under the MHAA public liability insurance policy
- 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 members for insurance purposes
- Membership application and renewal is to list the nominated adult members for voting rights
- **Annual Subscription**
- To receive the bi monthly Association newsletter
- To receive the annual Association magazine

9. The show manager's position continues for 60 days after the show, in order to complete show business.

10. Before any MHAA activities are commenced, a program proposal including a budget to be approved by the members at the AGM.

11. Pure Bred Morgan Registration Procedure

- Owners of registered MHAA pure bred stallions must return an annual Stallion Service Report to the Pure Bred Registrar by June 30 each year. With effect from the 2010/2011 breeding season and onwards, Certificates of Service will no longer be required however for breedings from earlier seasons, a registrar's (yellow) copy and (green) mare owner's copy of the Service certificate for each mare covered will need to be submitted.
- Upon birth of foal, mare owner completes Notification of Birth form and contacts Registrar to ascertain current DNA fees. Mare owner then sends Notification of Birth to Registrar with appropriate fee. Notification of Birth form is required to be forwarded to the Registrar within 90 days of foaling date.
- Registrar sends hair collection kit to the mare owner, who collects hair sample, once the foal reaches one month of age, and forwards to the Australian Equine Genetics Research Centre at the University of Queensland in the prepaid envelope provided.
- When DNA report is received by Registrar, it is forwarded to foal owner with MHAA and AMHA Applications for Registration.

- Owner then completes both sets of forms and forwards to AMHA and MHAA registrars with appropriate fees. There is no requirement for either branding (hot or freeze) or microchipping, however brands need to be shown on the identification diagrams on the registration applications, and microchip information must be advised.
- Upon sale of a registered horse, the vendor obtains a Transfer of Registration form from the
- Registrar. This form must be signed by both vendor and purchaser, with the vendor to pay the transfer fee. The Transfer form and the original Registration Certificate (together with the transfer fee) should be forwarded to the Registrar, who will then issue the new owner with an updated Certificate of Registration.
- All fees regarding registration/ownership of Pure Bred Morgan horses shall be as from time to time determined by the Board of Directors and are published in each issue of the Association newsletter, The Morgan Messenger.

12. 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. The Stallion Service report is to be returned even if no mares have been covered. 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, with the appropriate fee.
- 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: Blue copy of the Service Certificate
By the Mare owner:
A: Pink 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.

13. Job Description - MHAA National Promotions Officer Attachment to By-Laws

Description

The MHAA National Promotions Officer, in accordance with the Objectives of the MHAA and the Association's PR Policy, encourages and promotes interest in and the breeding and use of Morgan horses, assists in enhancing the public image of the Morgan horse and the MHAA, promotes the products and services of the MHAA, and liaises with the State Liaison Officers and the Editor of the Morgan Messenger.

Duties

The MHAA National Promotions Officer

- Helps develop Morgan horse and MHAA promotion policy
- Maximises opportunities for the Morgan horse and the MHAA by enhancing the Morgan horse's and the Association's public image
- Develops close links with the media regarding the Morgan horse and the MHAA
- Produces and distributes the Association's publicity material, e.g. posters, brochures, reports, show programs, travelling exhibitions
- Sends news announcements about MHAA activities
- Liaises with the Editor of the Morgan Messenger, the State Liaison Officers, and the National Morgan Show Manager regarding news worthy Morgan horses and their breeders, owners and/or trainers
- Provides information on media contacts, publishers and printers, and promotion programs to Morgan horse breeders wishing to promote their studs and Morgan horse owners and/or trainers wishing to market horses or services
- Helps organise co-operative advertising
- Helps strengthen internal communication, and
- Prepares and presents an annual PR budget for inclusion in AGM reports
- In conjunction with the MHAA Secretary, the Show Manager, the State Liaison Officers, and the Editor of the Morgan Messenger helps to maintain the MHAA's web site
- In conjunction with the State Liaison Officers co-ordinates the organization and promotion of Morgan horse classes at country and Royal shows.

14. 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.

15. A list of current members, as of 30th June each year including their category of membership be distributed to all members no later than 31st August of that year.
16. 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.

17. ANMS Rules

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 such as the Woodbine Bracken Endurance Award and the Wirraway Award 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.

18. 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.

19. Public Officers of the MHAA are

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

20. 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.