

By-Laws of the Morgan Horse Association of Australia Inc

24th August 2023

1. The Treasurer may approve expenditure on behalf of the Association up to the amount of \$600
2. 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.
3. The MHAA Board may choose to provide a grant of up to a total of \$1,000 per year (maximum of \$250.00 per person) for the purpose of assisting the President, Director, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or any other MHAA official approved by Board to travel to the Australian National Morgan Show (ANMS), as a working volunteer to help in the running of the Show.
4. Officers, other than members of the Board, to be elected at the AGM shall be
 - Youth Liaison Officer - responsible for promoting and co-ordinating youth competition and training seminars
 - State Liaison Officers - One for each State with members - responsible for encouraging participation of members in promoting Morgan horses in their State
 - Show Co-Ordinator - Responsible for chairing the show committee to organise the running of the Australian National Morgan Show
 - National Promotions Officer - responsible for the promotion of the Breed throughout Australia
5. Officers of the MHAA are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, National Promotions Officer; State Liaison Officers, Youth Liaison Officer, ANMS Show Co-ordinator and those positions appointed by Board from time to time i.e. Public Officer, Membership Officer, Webmaster, Magazine Editor, National Awards Co-ordinator, Morgans For Pleasure Co-ordinator, Pure Bred Registrar and Part Bred Registrar.
6. Membership and subscription fees will be reviewed by the MHAA Board 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

7. Membership fees [7 (1a) of the Constitution] are payable via Nominate or other similar service, and other association fees and charges [7 (2a) of the Constitution] are payable via Nominate or other similar service.

Other fees and charges to which this applies include entry fees for the Australian National Morgan Horse Show, State Shows, the Photo Show and Merchandise drives. Other fees and charges that arise, from time to time, may also be payable via Nominate.

8. 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
- May choose to pay the difference between Ordinary membership rates and either Family or Stud Membership rates to access the benefits of those membership categories.

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 one 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 those children, under 18 years of age, belonging to that immediate family
- 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 Adults and those children, under 18 years of age, belonging to that immediate family **OR** may be regarded as members for up to 4 individuals, who are closely associated with the running of the Stud, two of which will be adults with voting rights and stud membership benefits. In either circumstance, all individuals are nominated at joining or renewal of membership and are eligible to compete at MHAA sanctioned events on behalf of the Stud.
- Two Adult members are eligible to stand for all executive positions of the MHAA
- To receive the Association newsletter and magazine
- Eligible for stud or breeder registration
- Eligible for free advertising of stock in the 'For Sale' section, and a free listing of the Stud on the Stud/Breeders page of the MHAA website.
- 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 member for one adult
- Adult member is eligible to stand for all executive positions of the MHAA
- Eligible for a full-page advertisement in the ANMS Program each year, business Logo on the MHAA website and a half page advertisement in each Morgan Messenger
- To receive the Association newsletter and magazine
- Membership application and renewal is to list the nominated adult member 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
- Not eligible for member's rates on advertising, registration, transfers and other registry associated fees
- Not eligible to receive the Associations Newsletter or Magazines
- Entitles a non-member to participate at the Australian National Morgan Horse Show or MHAA State Shows riding/handling a registered morgan whose owner holds a minimum membership of Ordinary Member
- Entitles an international non-member to enter MHAA, AMHA, or otherwise acceptably registered Morgan Horse in the ANMS Conformation Awards and Novelty Photo Show
- Entitlement to participate in other MHAA events will only be by specific board approval.

9. 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.

All fees regarding registration/ownership of pure bred Morgan horses shall be as, from time to time, determined by the Board of Directors and published in the Association newsletter and on the website

10. Procedure for registration of a Part Bred Morgan:-

For a part bred Morgan to be eligible for registration with MHAA, one of its parents must be a pure bred Morgan horse registered with MHAA or AMHA. Only the validated current owner of the part bred Morgan may apply for registration.

Micro chipping is required to complete registration for all Part Bred Morgans from 1st June 2019. Microchip number must be included on Application for Registration, Notification of Gelding and Transfer Applications.

Registered MHAA stallion owners must return an annual Stallion Service Report to the Registrar by 30th June each year, and provide a service certificate to the owner of each mare for each cover listed on the report.

Part bred Morgans can become registered at any age provided the following paperwork is completed and submitted to the Registrar:-

By the Stallion owner:

A: Stallion Service report

By the Mare owner:

A: Service Certificate (as provided by Stallion owner)

B: Notification of Birth (optional)

C: Application for Registration, correctly completed

D: Notification of Gelding, if applicable

E: The appropriate fee/s paid as detailed in the Fee Schedule

Part bred colts are not eligible for registration until they have been gelded. A Notification of Gelding form signed, as examined or executed, by a 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 form is to be completed and returned to the Registrar along with the original Certificate and the appropriate fee.

MHAA reserves the right to conduct 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 DNA collection. MHAA will bear the cost of DNA typing and validation by laboratory as used at the time by MHAA. 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. Should the parentage be valid, the MHAA will refund the owner the cost of DNA collection.

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 and on the website.

11. 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).
12. A non MHAA member, upon breeding and fully registering a Part Bred Morgan horse for the first time, shall be granted a complimentary membership of the Association for the remainder of the current financial year in which the horse is registered. 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).
13. Every Australian National Morgan Horse Show (ANMS) has a standardised base program and that program is to be as follows:

There will be a **Pure Bred Category** and a **Part Bred Category** for Breed Classes.

- Led Classes separated by age & gender in the pure bred and the part bred **Categories**. Winners of each class will be eligible to compete for Champion Led Morgan for each gender in the pure bred and part bred categories. The horse that placed second to the horse awarded Champion for each gender will be eligible to compete for Reserve Champion. The age divisions shall be nominated by the show committee and approved by the MHAA Board.
- Champion and Reserve Champion Led Morgan for each gender in the pure bred and the part bred categories. Each Champion will be eligible to compete for Supreme Champion in the relevant category.
- Supreme Champion Led for each category
- Ridden Classes separated by age and gender in the pure bred and part bred categories. Winners of each class will be eligible to compete for Champion Ridden Morgan for each gender in the pure bred and part bred categories. The horse that placed second to the horse awarded Champion for each gender will be eligible to compete for Reserve Champion. Separation into age is reliant on numbers at a particular ANMS. The age divisions shall be nominated by the

show committee and approved by the MHAA Board.

- Champion & Reserve Champion Ridden Morgan for each gender in the pure bred and part bred categories. Each Champion will be eligible to compete for Supreme Champion in the relevant category.
- Supreme Champion Ridden Morgan for each category - Each Supreme Champion will be eligible to compete for Grand Champion Ridden Exhibit of Show.
- Grand Champion Ridden Exhibit of Show - Supreme Ridden Pure Bred Vs Supreme Ridden Part Bred
- Mary Wolverton Silver Buckle Versatility Challenge - Standard Program as per By Law 13
- Western Reining - Helen Perry Memorial Trophy, should numbers permit
- Additional Classes at the discretion of the Show Committee, subject to board approval.
- Other classes may include but are not limited to Ranch Riding, Dressage (Western/Cowboy/English), English Equitation, Horsemanship & Liberty, Showjumping, Harness, Stock-horse, Hunter and others at the discretion of the show committee. The show committee should consider the differing disciplines and riding styles of the members when choosing additional classes, and ensure the variety is in balance.
- Annual Association Awards are to be presented at the ANMS
- The full show program, and general rules, is to be presented to the board for approval prior to publishing or distributing to members.

14. The Mary Woolverton Silver Buckle Versatility 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 manoeuvrability, 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.
- Scoring of the Mary Woolverton Silver Buckle Versatility Challenge
The challenge takes place over 5 classes or legs with the placings in each leg determined as follows.
V1, V2, V3, V4 - Score Achieved
V5 - Fastest Time

Every horse in every leg of the challenge will be awarded placing points for their placing in that leg. The number of placing points will be determined by the number of entrants. (eg 10 Entrants = 10 points for first place, down to 1 point for tenth place). This tally of placing points will be used to determine the winner and placegetters of the Challenge and the overall winner of the buckle.

IN the event of an equal placing/s a count back will be undertaken. The countback will be done by adding up the scores achieved, by the equal horses, in the scored legs of the challenge (eg V1-V4). The horse with the highest sum of scores over the 4 scored legs will be determined as the higher placing. Countback calculations are only performed on those horses that have achieved an equal placing.

If after countback the equal placing remains, the faster time in V5 will be used to determine the higher placing.

15. Pure Bred and Part Bred Morgan horses may be presented either plaited or un-plaited when competing in a Morgan show or in a Morgan class.

16. The Show Co-ordinator's position continues for 60 days after the show, to complete show business.

17. 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.
18. At no time, at any show with Morgan breed classes, shall a pure bred Morgan and a part bred Morgan be judged together in Led classes that are based on breed standards.
19. Any horse registered with AMHA or in a reciprocal registry is eligible to compete at MHAA sanctioned events if the owner/rider/handler is a member of the MHAA.
20. The MHAA does not allow the trimming, waxing or other removal of the hairs of the inner ear and the vibrissae (whiskers) around the muzzle and eyes of horses at MHAA sanctioned events. This is in line with the position of France, Germany, Switzerland, New Zealand and other countries who consider the removal of these hairs and whiskers abuse of horses. It is acceptable to trim or clip other areas of the head, including the jawline and outer ears. Horses that show any evidence of this hair removal are ineligible to compete in MHAA sanctioned events, until that hair is fully re-grown. This rule is to be included in all MHAA General Show Rules and Judging standards.
21. Morgan horses that are competing at the Australian National Morgan Horse Show are eligible to be entered into the ANMS Photo Show Conformation Awards and ANMS Photo Show Novelty Awards. Australian and New Zealand horses are eligible to enter the ANMS Photo Show awards, and, in all cases, the horses must either be registered in line with the MHAA rules and regulations, or registered with MHANZ or AMHA, and the owner/lessee must hold at minimum current ordinary membership, or for international entrants, hold day membership for the event.
22. To participate in the Australian National Morgan Horse Show and MHAA State Shows, and other events deemed by the MHAA board to be relevant, the owner of any entered registered morgan horse must hold a minimum of Ordinary membership.