

By-Laws for the Garden State Paint Youth Horse Club, New Jersey

Article I- Name/Identity

Section 1- Name

The name of this organization shall be Garden State Paint Youth Horse Club

Article II – Mission and Purpose

Section 1- Mission of Garden State Paint Youth Horse Club

GSPYHC uses a learn by doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills related to the American Paint Horse and the American Paint Horse Association.

Section 2-Purpose of the Club

The purpose of this club shall be to improve ourselves, our knowledge, our club, and to provide education on the American Paint Horse and American Paint Horse Association.

Section 3- Youth Club Compliance

This youth club will comply with all American Paint Horse Association policies under guidance and support of Paint Advisors/staff.

Article III- Youth Club Charter

This paint horse youth club agrees to follow all APHA Charter guidelines. Once the Youth Club Charter is granted, it will not expire. In the event that this youth club falls below the basic APHA requirements as outlined in the charter application, the charter will be revoked and this youth club will need to reapply for chartering and agree to meet the requirements.

Article IV-Membership

Section 1-Eligibility

Any boy or girl under 18 years of age or under may become a member of this club by applying for membership and by agreeing to live by the standards set by the club. For APHA purposes the age of an individual on January 1st shall be maintained throughout the entire calendar year.

All possible efforts will be made to include rather than exclude youth in events conducted by the APHA youth program.

Section 2- Responsibility

Each member must attend at least 1 GSPYHC meeting and participate in 1 GSPYHC fundraiser during the year.

Article V- Meetings

Section 1- Dates

The club will have 12 regular meetings with at least 1 being at GSPHC horse shows. Special meetings may be called by the Advisor as needed, with 10 days advance notice.

Section 2- Quorum

A minimum of 5 members must be present to conduct official business of the club.

Section 3- Order of business

The following order of business shall be followed at regular club meetings:

1. Call to order
2. Secretaries Report (minutes of last meeting)
3. Treasurers report
4. Committee reports
5. Old business
6. New business
7. Announcements
8. Adjournment

Article VI- Committees

Standing and/or special committees will be created as needed. Members are expected to volunteer for committee assignments. The president has the authority to appoint committee chairs and members.

Article VII- Officers

- The officers of this club shall include: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Their duties shall be as follows:
- The president will preside at all meetings, uphold the by-laws and adhere to parliamentary procedure. The president shall appoint committee chairs and members.
- The vice-president shall preside over the club in the absence of the president. The vice-president shall assist the president and serve as a link to all committees.
- The secretary shall record minutes of each meeting and report at the next meeting. The secretary will also keep attendance records and write club correspondence.
- The treasurer shall keep the clubs financial records and shall report on the club's finances at each meeting. See Article IX.

Article VIII- Election of Officers

The officers of this club shall be elected at the December meeting. They shall hold office for one year. All active members are eligible to run for an office and to vote. Voting is by majority rule and done by secret ballot.

Article IX- Fund Raising and Treasury Guidelines and Policies

This APHA youth club will follow IRS guidelines and policies. All bank accounts should operate under the club's EIN (not the leader's personal information or security number) and must require two authorized signatures. In no instance should both of these signatures be from the same family.

Article X- Amendments

These by-laws may be amended at a regular meeting by two-thirds vote cast by those in attendance, providing notice has been given at the previous meeting. Review of by-laws will take place at least every two years.

Article XI- Dissolution

If this youth club disbands, the Advisor must immediately notify the Main Club. All assets shall be assigned to the Main Paint Club, designated by the youth club and approved by the president of the main club.

By-laws approved _____, revised _____
(date) (date)