

NORTH FLORIDA  
PASO FINO HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.  
ORGANIZATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Name and Object

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the North Florida Paso Fino Horse Association, Inc. (NFPFHA) whose objects and purposes shall be to improve and promote the Paso Fino breed and to engage in activities that fulfill those objectives.

Section 2. This Association shall conduct its operations in such a manner so as to maintain an interest with any association whose goals are to improve and promote the Paso Fino horse.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1. Membership in NFPFHA is open to all persons who are current members of the national Paso Fino Horse Association, Inc. Regional membership preferences are made by the individual member or automatically assigned by zip code if no preference is indicated. There are no separate dues or fees to join NFPFHA.

Section 2. If additional dues or fees become necessary, the structure and amount of such must be unanimously approved by the Executive Committee and proposed to the general membership. This proposal must be approved by the majority of members present at the next annual Membership Meeting.

ARTICLE III

Officers

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Such officers shall be elected by the members at the annual Membership Meeting and shall hold office during the ensuing year and until their successors are duly chosen.

Section 2. The President shall be the executive officer of the Association and shall preside over all business meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Vice-President shall in the absence of the President preside over business meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the President or the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all business meetings and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the President or the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, deposit and disburse all monies for the Association, maintain an accurate accounting of all financial transactions, and submit at the annual Membership Meeting a written report of all receipts and disbursements, and also submit interim reports during the year when requested by the President or Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall also ensure the annual fee payments to the Florida Division of Corporations to maintain the Association's non-profit status.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the four (4) officers of the Association, the elected regional delegate (for national membership meetings), and committee chairs.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be the governing body of the Association and shall determine all questions of policy which may arise during the interval between membership meetings; prepare the budget; approve all disbursements; and plan activities and events.

Section 3. The Executive Committee may fill a vacancy in any office that has occurred for any reason whatsoever. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall remain an officer until his successor has been elected by members at the next annual Membership Meeting.

Section 4. At all meetings of the Executive Committee, two-thirds (2/3) of its members shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be necessary at any Executive Committee meeting to transact business.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four (4) times a year and at such other times as may be designated by the President.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Meetings

Section 1. There shall be one annual Membership Meeting in the fall of each year. Election of new officers will occur at this meeting. Additional business meetings shall be held at the direction of the President or the Executive Committee. Notice of meetings shall be given to the members at least two (2) weeks prior thereto.

Section 2. All meetings shall be conducted in the following order:

- a. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting;
- b. The report of the Treasurer;
- c. Report of the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs;
- d. Unfinished business;
- e. New business.

Section 3. At all meetings of members one-third (1/3) of the membership shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be necessary at any meeting to transact business.

## ARTICLE VI

### Elections

Section 1. Elections are held annually at the Membership Meeting. The Executive Committee shall present a slate of nominees for the four offices, the regional delegate, and committee chairs, and also accept nominations from the members present.

Section 2. The officers, regional delegate, and committee chairs shall take possession of these duties immediately after election.

## ARTICLE VII

### Committee Chairs

Section 1. There shall be the following committee chairs:

- a. Annual Regional Show Committee
- b. Membership Committee

The Committee Chairs shall compose each committee with the number of members as necessary and appropriate.

Section 2. The President may appoint any additional special committees as necessary.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Rules of Order

Section 1. "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be the parliamentary authority for matters of procedure not specifically provided for by these Bylaws.

## ARTICLE IX

### Amendments

Section 1. Amendments of these Bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds

(2/3) vote of the members at any meeting of the Association, provided written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given to the membership at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting. There shall be no voting by proxy in this matter.

## ARTICLE X

### Dissolution

Section 1. If for any reason this Association should dissolve, all monies remaining in the Treasury after dissolution, shall be donated to the University of Florida School of Veterinary Medicine at Gainesville, Florida. If they be a non-existing group at the time of dissolution, all remaining monies shall be donated to a non-profit group as designated by the Executive Committee.

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