

By-Laws of the Morgan Horse Association of Australia Inc

(As amended on 31 January 2004)

- 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 dues shall be as follows

Ordinary Membership	\$50.00
Family/Stud Membership	\$70.00
Junior Membership	\$20.00
Associate Membership	\$30.00
Corporate Membership	\$250.00
- 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.
- 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 of the Morgan Horse Association of Australia Inc, include the following:
Associate Membership
 - Regarded as a Non-member for registering/transferring/showing Morgan horses
 - Not eligible to stand for an executive position of the Morgan Horse Association of Australia Inc.
 - To receive the Association newsletterLife Membership, Ordinary Membership, Family/Stud Membership and Corporate Membership
 - Ability to have MHAA registered Morgan horses registered in their name
 - Ability to stand for all executive positions of the Morgan Horse Association of Australia Inc
 - To receive the Association newsletter
 - For Family/Stud and Corporate Memberships, the membership application is to detail the nominated voting rightsJunior Membership
 - Must be under the age of 18.
 - Able to register/transfer Morgan horses at members' rates and show horses at MHAA shows at members' rates
 - Unable to stand for an executive position of the Morgan Horse Association of Australia Inc.
 - To receive the Association newsletter
- 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, along with the registrar's (yellow) copy of the Service Certificate for each mare covered. The Stallion Service Report is to be returned even if no mares have been covered.

Green copy of Certificate of Service (with Notification of Birth form) goes to mare owner, and white copy is for stallion owner's file.

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 green copy of Certificate of Service and 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. Failure to return the Stallion Service report by the due date will result in a fee being levied against the stallion owner and all potential part bred registrations 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, 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:

1. By the Stallion owner:
 - Stallion Service report
 - Blue copy of the Service Certificate
2. By the Mare owner:
 - Pink copy of the Service Certificate
 - 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.