

## **PAST PRESIDENTS**

Helen Van Order.....	1968-1969
John Van Order.....	1969-1970
William Biggerstaff.....	1971
Wayne Pugh.....	1972
Lillie Brown.....	1973
Ann McKinney.....	1974
Dixie Pinson.....	1975
Gerald Pack.....	1976
Ruth Slavin.....	1977
Jimmy Wofford.....	1978
Oscar Corbin.....	1979
Rita Ingram.....	1980
Art Slavin.....	1981
Olynda Stretcher.....	1982
Bo Woolbright.....	1983
Ken Pearson.....	1984
Mike Ennis.....	1985-1986
Duveen Woolbright.....	1987-1988
Wanda Kirby.....	1989
Art Slavin.....	1990
Gary Biggerstaff.....	1991-1992
Nicholas Zatorsky IV.....	1993-1994
Wanda Kirby.....	1995
Doug Bortone.....	1996-1997
Roy McCulley.....	1998
Doug Bortone.....	1999
Barry Petty.....	2000-2001
Joe Walker.....	2002
Mark Corwin.....	2003-2004
Barry Petty.....	2005-2006
Darren Scott.....	2007-2009
Terri Knox.....	2010
Stefanie Gagliardi.....	2011
Crystal Reese.....	2012
Deb Burgess.....	2013-2017
Judy Schlager.....	2018-2019
Charles Oglesby.....	2020-2021
Holly Jewell.....	2021-2025

## **HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS**

Helen Van Order	John Van Order	William Biggerstaff
Wayne Pugh	Lillie Brown	Ann McKinney
Dixie Pinson	Gerald Pack	Ruth Slavin
Jimmy Wofford	Oscar Corbin	Mary Ellen Singleton
Art Slavin	Doug Bortone	Barry Petty
Joe Walker	Roy McCulley	Daren Scott
Deb Burgess	Judy Schlager	Holly Jewell

## **2026-2027 OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT	Robin Richardson
VICE PRESIDENT	Paul Hammitt
SECRETARY	Allison Jewell
TREASURER	Deb Burgess

## **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

Holly Jewell

## **2026-2027 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Hannah Roark  
Chris Downes  
Judy Schlager  
Mike Freehling  
Charles Oglesby  
Lana Whitaker  
LeShea Whitaker

## **2026-2027 YOUTH BOARD MEMBERS**

Emily Hammitt & Makenna Whitaker

## **ACTING PAST PRESIDENT(S)**

Charles Oglesby, Judy Schlager, Deb Burgess

To be determined if the immediate past president is unable to preside.

**SPARTANBURG HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**BY-LAWS**  
**As Amended 2025**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME:**

**Section 1:**

The Organization shall be known as Spartanburg Horseman's Association, Inc. as provided in the Certificate of Incorporation duly issued by the Secretary of State of South Carolina.

**ARTICLE II**

**OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES:**

**Section 1:**

The objectives and purposes of the Organization shall be to promote in persons of all ages an interest in horses of all breeds and their use for pleasure and related activities.

**Section 2:**

To instill affection, respect and proper methods for the care and use of all such horses and to encourage true sportsmanship in all horse activities.

**Section 3:**

To engage in and further such other related activities as may enhance such objects and purposes.

**ARTICLE III**

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1:**

Any person interested in the objects and purposes of said organization shall be eligible for membership application.

**Section 2:**

All membership applications will be welcomed and accepted upon registration and dues paid. All participation requires an active membership.

**ARTICLE IV**

**DUES**

Section 1:

The annual dues, in terms of the amount fixed by the Organization from time to time, shall be payable from January 1 to December 31 of the same year.

Section 2:

Any person failing to pay annual dues or other assessments, if any are imposed by the Organization, and such non-payment continues for a period of thirty 30 days after due notice thereof, shall cease to be a member of the Organization unless the time of such payment is extended. Such an extension, however, shall not exceed a period of thirty (30) days.

## ARTICLE V

### MEMBERSHIP DISCIPLINE

Section 1:

The Board of Directors may expel from the Organization any member charged with acts of conduct detrimental to said Organization, provided such charges are sustained after a due and proper hearing before the Board at which the accused has been afforded an opportunity to defend himself on such charges.

## ARTCILE VI

### YOUTH MEMBERS

Section 1:

Youth members under the age of fourteen (14) shall be under the supervision of their parents or guardians at all Organizational functions or activities unless such supervision or directions is delegated by the Organization to another adult member thereof.

## ARTICLE VII

### TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS

Section 1:

**Single Membership** will consist of one (1) person.

**Family Membership** will consist of one (1) or more people in the same family, living in the same household.

Section 2:

**Honorary Member:** Any person who has rendered outstanding, notable service on behalf of the Organization, may be recommended for Honorary Membership by a member of said Organization. The Board of Directors and a majority of the membership at the next membership meeting, however, must approve such honorary membership.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **OFFICERS**

#### **Section 1:**

The Officers of the Organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, eight (8) members of the Board of Directors, one of whom shall be a Youth member. The Executive Officers, i.e., President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be elected by simple majority (at least fifty percent plus one vote). The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by a plurality (the greatest number of votes). These Officers shall be installed at the Annual Banquet and take office following such Banquet.

#### **Section 2:**

All sitting, active board members have one (1) vote and a responsibility to contribute such vote within a timeline designated by the acting President.

#### **Section 3:**

No member shall be elected as an Officer or Director of the Organization unless he or she has been an active Board Member for at least one (1) year. No member shall be elected as a Board Member of the Organization unless he or she has been an active member of the Organization for the previous year.

#### **Section 4:**

No person shall hold more than one (1) elected office, nor serve in that capacity for more than two (2) consecutive terms unless deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 5:**

No two (2) members of the same family shall hold elected offices at the same time, except for the Youth Board Member, unless deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

#### **Section 1:**

The President shall be the executive officer of the Organization and preside over all Membership and Board of Directors meetings. He or she shall appoint Standing Committee Chairperson(s) as defined in ARTICLE XII of these Bylaws and serve as ex-officio member thereof, except the nominating committee. In an emergency, the President may authorize an expenditure of no more than \$100. The Board of Directors must approve all other expenditures.

#### **Section 2:**

The Immediate Past President shall serve in an advisory and voting capacity.

#### **Section 3:**

The Vice President shall during the absence or incapacity of the President, perform the duties and functions of the President.

Section 4:

The Secretary shall record and maintain the minutes of all proceedings and accurate records of the membership. He or she will also conduct all correspondence for the Organization and perform such other secretarial functions as may be required by the President or Board of Directors.

Section 5:

The Treasurer shall be the fiscal officer of the Organization and custodian of the funds thereof. He or she shall notify and collect from the membership all dues and assessments and deposit the same in the name of the Organization in the designated banking institution. He or she will maintain an accurate count of all finances and financial transactions and make all authorized disbursements. The Treasurer will submit and present the number of entries and new memberships at the Annual Meeting and make such interim financial reports during the year as requested by the President or Board of Directors. No funds shall be withdrawn from the Organization depository except by check and only when signed by the President or Treasurer.

Section 6:

The previously mentioned officers shall perform the duties and functions prescribed by the Bylaws and such other duties and functions as may be adopted and implemented by the Organization in accordance with proper parliamentary procedure.

## ARTICLE X

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1:

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the four (4) elected directors of the Organization, the Immediate Past President, and eight (8) elected directors, one (1) of whom shall be a youth member, who should preferably be thirteen (13) years of age but not to exceed eighteen (18) years of age as of January 1 of the service year. All terms of office shall be for one (1) year, except for the elected directors who shall serve two (2) years, which will run on a staggered basis, and the Treasurer, which is also a two (2) year term that can be held indefinitely. The Youth member shall serve only one (1) year term.

Section 2:

The Board of Directors shall be the administrative, policy and rule-making body of the Organization, subject however to the direction of the Organization as a whole and not in conflict therewith.

Section 3:

The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings, a minimum of six (6) meetings a year, to be held at intervals on the dates and places designed by the President. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President.

Section 4:

The Board shall fill by appointment any vacancy on the Board, provided the unexpired term does not exceed a period of three (3) months. In all other events, the person who received the second highest votes from the yearly election shall fill the vacancy. A member appointed or elected to the Board as previously mentioned shall complete the unexpired term, as deemed necessary.

Section 5:

The Board shall declare a vacancy in its membership when any member without just cause shown, fails to attend two (2) consecutive Board meetings.

Section 6:

A majority of the Board members are requisite for the transaction of Board business and shall contribute.

## ARTICLE XI

### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1:

Regular, periodic meetings shall be called at the direction of the President. The annual meeting for the election of officers, however, shall be held at the Annual Awards Banquet.

Section 2:

Due written notice of all meetings shall be given to the membership, setting forth the date, time and place of such meetings; in the event, however, that an emergency meeting is required, oral notice of such meeting shall be deemed due notice thereof.

Section 3:

The presence of at least twenty (20) members in good standing shall be required for the transaction of business at any membership meeting.

### VOTING

Section 1:

In family members, all members of that family at least fourteen (14) years of age shall each be entitled to one (1) vote. There shall not be any voting by proxy.

### ELECTIONS

Section 1:

The President, prior to the Yearly Membership meeting, can appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members in good standing, none of whom is an executive officer of the Organization, and direct such Committee to prepare and submit to

the annual meeting a slate of officers for the ensuing year. Additional nominations for any office may be made from the floor, prior to the voting on the submitted slate. The manner of voting shall be by voice, show of hands, or secret ballot provided either an independent observer or a person not running for election be responsible for the counting of the votes.

Section 2:

The member elected as President, shall thereafter attend all Board meetings. Newly elected Board members shall have the right to attend such meetings.

Section 3:

The officers and members of the Board for the ensuing year shall be encouraged to have at least one (1) informal meeting prior to installation to discuss plans for the upcoming year.

## ARTICLE XII

### STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1:

There shall be the following:

- a. Audit Committee – including rules and by-laws.
- b. Points Chairperson
- c. Monthly Show Coordinator
- d. Membership Chairperson

Section 2:

The President upon taking office shall appoint chair people of the aforesaid committees and any additional committees that in his/her judgment may be requisite such as:

- a. Publicity and Program Chairperson
- b. Social and Refreshment Chairperson
- c. Parliamentarian

Section 3:

The Chairperson of each committee shall submit for approval his respective program to the Board of Directors and in addition report his or her program to the membership.

### ORGANIZATIONAL PROCEDURE

Section 1:

“Roberts Rules of Order” shall constitute parliamentary authority when deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Section 2:

Amendments of the within Bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of membership at any regular or special meeting of the Organization at which there is a quorum present, provided also the due written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

Section 3:

The Organization may be dissolved by a resolution duly adopted upon a two-third (2/3) vote in favor thereof at a meeting called for such purpose and upon specific written notice of at least ten (10) days and at which meeting there is at least a quorum present. Upon such dissolution, obligations shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code relating to the dissolution of Membership Corporations and as further set forth in the Articles of Incorporation of the within Organization.

## **SPARTANBURG HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION RULES** **AMENDED 2025**

**Disclaimer:** *In unforeseen circumstances, the current officers and Board Members reserve the right to temporarily amend the SHA rules to proceed as deemed necessary*

### **GENERAL**

1. All exhibitors must be current members of Spartanburg Horseman's Association subject to the conditions of Article III, Section 2 of the Bylaws. Additionally, if an application is denied or a member expelled under the conditions of the Bylaws, all points earned shall be forfeited. A current membership list shall be in the secretary booth at each show. This is the responsibility of the membership chairperson. Memberships expire on Dec 31 each show year.
2. South Carolina State Law requires that each participant show an original or valid copy for proof of Negative Coggins Test for the horse they are exhibiting (test performed within the last 12 months). These are checked at the show booth.
3. A copy of the Bylaws and Rules is available to all members. It is the responsibility of each member to know and follow the Bylaws and Rules.
4. **SHA accepts cash or checks as forms of payment.** No held or open checks will be accepted during a show. If you write a bad check to SHA, you will forfeit your points for that month and will be responsible for paying the outstanding fees and penalties before you can enter another show. Bad checks will be turned over to the solicitor's office if SHA is unable to collect.
5. There will be ten (10) SHA shows a year. They will be held on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Saturday of each month, February through November. No show will be held in January or December, unless deemed necessary by the Board. The show may be postponed in the event of extremely inclement weather. The President has the discretion to reschedule the show. If cancelled, the park superintendent will be notified by 6:30am on the day of the show and information will be posted on the SHA website, Social Media outlets and time permitting, an email notification will be sent to those who receive the emailed newsletter. The Treasurer has the authority to pay up to one hundred (\$100.00) dollars travel expenses to the judge of a cancelled show.
6. Your age as of January 1 of the show year determines your age for classes: No cross entry between ages allowed. Exhibitor can move up to the next age bracket but cannot move back down.

Pee Wee: Exhibitor must be 12 years of age or under on January 1  
Youth: Exhibitor must be 13 to 18 years of age on January 1  
Adult: Exhibitor must be 19 years of age or over on January 1
7. Entries and scratches require notice at least one class prior to the class you are entering. You may scratch a class and receive a refund of \$2 less than the entry fee paid if show secretary is notified one class in advance. No entry or refund once the

class has begun. We adhere to a **one-minute gate call**. No refunds will be given if the exhibitor fails to make the gate call for class to begin. Request for tack changes must be made two classes in advance, notify show booth of any such requests. **Because of time limits imposed by Croft Park, this must be strictly enforced.**

8. A judge may judge only one (1) monthly show per calendar year, unless deemed necessary by the Board.
9. Neither Spartanburg Horseman's Association nor Croft State Park is responsible for accident or injury.
10. The Class Sheet for the monthly shows may not change during the year.
11. Only exhibitors, show officials and volunteers are allowed in the show ring. The ring steward will be an SHA member, or someone approved by the Board of Directors. Only show officials are allowed in the booth.
12. Horse and Rider Combination must use the same number for each class. Horse/Rider combination competing for year-end awards MUST maintain the same back number throughout the entire show season.
13. All English, Western and In Hand classes follow American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) rules with the exception; Western timed events will follow National Barrel Horse Association (NBHA) rules. Jumpers will follow USEF rules. Gaited Classes will follow USEF, Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association (TWHBEA) and the American Racking Horse Breeders Association (ARHBA) rules; **If any of these rules conflict with SHA rules, SHA rules will prevail.**
14. Proper attire and equipment is required for showing. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to know what legal attire and equipment is for the class he/she is showing in. Refer to the appropriate Rulebook. Judge or show officials will deduct points, disqualify, or excuse an exhibitor for improper attire and/or equipment. Per SHA rules no shorts, cutoffs, halter-tops, tank tops, tennis shoes, etc. will be allowed.
15. Any SHA member has the right to protest illegal equipment or actions. Protests must be filed, in writing, with a \$25.00 deposit within 10 days after the show to the President. The next official Board meeting will evaluate the protest. If the finding favors the Protestor, the deposit will be refunded and any alterations to the points made. If the protest was determined unjustified, the deposit will be kept by SHA.
16. Good Sportsmanship will always prevail and is encouraged. Unnecessary roughness, discourteous acts or behavior will dismiss an exhibitor from further competition in the show. We do not tolerate abuse or unmannerly behavior towards any horse or person. If an exhibitor, trainer, exhibitor's family, or friends are discourteous towards show officials or others, the exhibitor will be dismissed from any further competition for that show. We encourage open communication with our Board and appreciate any feedback from concerns. Slanderous speech and disparaging remarks (to include

social media) could result in dismissal from SHA showing for the remainder of the show season.

17. Horses exhibiting lameness or injury may be excused or result in disqualification at Show official or Judge's discretion.

18. The Board of Directors approves the Judge's list each year.

The Judge's decision is Final. There shall be **NO** discussion of the show placement results with the judge by anyone other than the show officials during the show. If an exhibitor would like to discuss the results of a class, the exhibitor shall request that an Officer or Board member request that the Judge talk with him/her at the judge's convenience.

19. No Individual under 18 years of age may exhibit a stallion in any class. A stallion is any male horse that is not gelded, regardless of age.

20. The definition of a Green Horse or Green Rider is a Horse or Rider, in their **FIRST** year of showing regardless of Division. SHA will consider a horse or rider to be Green if they showed no more than three (3) times in the previous year. Maximum of 2 show seasons as a Green Horse or Green Rider.

21. Any horse of any age may be shown 2 handed in a **Snaffle Bit**.

22. No Cross Entry allowed between trot pole/4 jump over fences classes and all other over fences classes.

23. No Cross Entry allowed in Western Pleasure or Ranch classes. Go as you please classes are open to exhibitors in either Division.

24. Go as you Please classes are to be shown at the walk and trot or equivalent for gaited horses. Open to all breeds of equines/all divisions.

25. Exhibitors may only show one horse per in-hand class.

26. All timed events will use digital or electronic timers for scoring. The time will be transmitted to and announced by the announcer after each contestant completes the pattern or course. If digital or electronic timers cannot be used, two (2) stop watches will be used and the times averaged.

a. Re-rides only allowed in case of timer failure.

b. Gaming Events:

i. Pole Bending: Pattern is set 21 feet from the timer and 21 feet from each pole. Texas Barrels shall be set at 30 feet apart

ii. Barrels: Pattern is set according to NBHA standards.

iii. A downed barrel or pole will incur a 5 second penalty.

c. Jumpers:

i. All jumper courses will have an allowed time set per pattern. Any rider over the allowed time will incur time faults.

ii. Riders have 45 seconds to start the course after whistle blows

iii. A dropped rail or time penalty will incur 4 faults; 2 refusals will result in elimination

iv. No jump off – fastest clear round wins

27. Patterns for the show season will be determined prior to the start of the show season and each month's pattern set will be made available prior to each show.

## **AWARDS**

1. Ribbons are awarded for first (1<sup>st</sup>) through sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) place in all classes.
2. The name of the horse must remain the same during the year to maintain accuracy of points collected at monthly shows. **If a horse's name is changed, the points will not apply.**
3. To be eligible for year-end awards, a horse/rider combination must show at least five (5) times in the class during the year.
4. Duplicate awards will not be given at the end of the year. Ties will be broken in the following manner:
  - a. Shown against the greatest number of horses in that class.
  - b. Shown in the most shows – same class.
  - c. Consistency of winning over the horse tied with.
  - d. Shown in the greatest number of classes.
5. Six (6) Year End High Point Division Awards will be awarded to the one horse/one rider team with the highest points at the end of the year in:
  - a. Halter
  - b. Jumping
  - c. English
  - d. Western
  - e. Ranch
  - f. SpeedClasses that do not count toward Year End High Point Division Awards are denoted on the Class Sheet. For Example, no points awarded toward a Division for Ground Poles or Jumper classes.

At the end of each show season, SHA holds an Annual Banquet to present the following awards:

1. Champion High Point and Reserve High Point in each Class
2. Division Awards in Halter, Jumping, English, Western, Ranch, Speed
3. Art Slavin Member of the Year Award
  - To a current officer or Board member
4. Sportsmanship Award
  - Any member who donates time to the club
5. Carolyn Gibson Award
  - Most improved exhibitor in Pee-Wee or Youth
6. SHA Improvement Award
  - Most improved adult exhibitor
7. Dynamic Duo Award

- Best overall horse/rider combination

8. Lifetime Achievement Award
  - Member who has dedicated significant time and involvement to the Association over their lifetime.
9. Lifetime Achievement Equine
  - An equine who has dedicated significant showing and contribution to the Association over their lifetime.
10. Top Hand
  - Outstanding trainer of the year
11. Youth and Adult High Point Rider Awards
12. Sherwin Lindsey High Point Rider Award
13. Any other awards deemed by the Board.

The President of the Association chooses the recipients of the Art Slavin Member of the Year and Sportsmanship Awards or at the President's discretion the Board Members can choose them. Not all awards may be given each year.

#### POINTS

Exhibitors earn points towards Year End Class and Division Awards for every class they place in. Points are broken down as follows:

**Class Points:** Points toward Class Awards are awarded on the following basis:

One (1) point for each entry in the class, not to exceed six (6) points for First Place:

Example: If there are ten (10) entries in the class:

1<sup>st</sup> place receives 6 points  
 2<sup>nd</sup> place receives 5 points  
 3<sup>rd</sup> place receives 4 points  
 4<sup>th</sup> place receives 3 points  
 5<sup>th</sup> place receives 2 points  
 6<sup>th</sup> place receives 1 point

If there are four (4) entries in the class:

1<sup>st</sup> place receives 4 points  
 2<sup>nd</sup> place receives 3 points  
 3<sup>rd</sup> place receives 2 points  
 4<sup>th</sup> place receives 1 point

**Division Points:** Points toward Division Awards are awarded on the following basis:

One (1) point for each entry in the class not to exceed ten (10) points for First place.

Example: If there are twelve (12) entries in the class:

1<sup>st</sup> place receives 10 points  
 2<sup>nd</sup> place receives 9 points  
 3<sup>rd</sup> place receives 8 points  
 4<sup>th</sup> place receives 7 points  
 5<sup>th</sup> place receives 6 points  
 6<sup>th</sup> place receives 5 points

Division Award points are awarded on a one horse/one rider basis. \*In the case of death or catastrophic ailment, with veterinary confirmation and at the President's discretion, points may be carried to a new horse/same rider combination for the current show season. The transferring of points from one horse to another can only be done **once** in a show season.

To be eligible for Champion and Reserve Awards, horse/rider combination must have shown in the class a minimum of five (5) times during the show season.