

POOR BOY RIDING CLUB  
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION  
EFFECTIVE March 7, 2006

***WE*** the members of the Poor Boy Riding Club have associated ourselves for the purpose of forming a riding club to promote and encourage public interest and good sportsmanship and citizenship through horsemanship. To establish a foundation that is both educational and instructive for children and adults. To promote the acquaintance and friendship of members and non-members alike.

**ARTICLE I. ASSOCIATION NAME**

The name of this Association is the Poor Boy Riding Club and shall be conducted and operated as a non-profit organization and all activities cooperative in character for the mutual benefit of its members.

**ARTICLE II. RULES OF ORDER**

Poor Boy Riding Club shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

**ARTICLE III. PLACE OF BUSINESS**

The principal place of business shall be the Poor Boy Riding Club Arena.  
The mailing address is P O Box 1203 Mineral Wells, TX. 76068

**ARTICLE IV. MEMBERS**

**Section I. Members**

A member, as referred to in these By-laws shall be any single person or a family unit that has been accepted and is in good standing with dues current.

**Section II. Types of Membership**

Active- those members present on club roster in good standing. Honorary- a member shall be awarded an honorary membership after reaching the age of 60 years and have been in good standing for five (5) years.

**Section III. Membership Rules**

Members of the club shall be admitted, retained, and expelled in accordance with such rules and regulations as the members may from time to time adopt. Members shall be expected to work together for the betterment of the club as a whole.

**Section IV. Membership**

New members shall be admitted to the club upon the following:

1) Written Application 2) Club dues 3) Majority vote of members present at monthly meeting. New members must be sponsored by a club member in good standing and must be voted on before acceptance into the club. Three (3) officers must be present for the vote. Voting on membership will be done in applicant's absence. When a prospective member is blackballed, he or she must wait 30 days before his or her name may be resubmitted. If blackballed a second time he or she must wait one (1) year before being submitted again. A family membership has one (1) vote per parent or guardian. All members while in good standing shall have equal rights, interests and responsibilities with respect to the club. A family unit shall be defined as mother, father, or legal guardian(s), and all unmarried children living as one household. Grandchildren may ride under their grandparent's membership if parents of the child are not members with the club. In the event a person leaves his/her immediate family, either by marriage, divorce, or for any reason creates a new household, he/she shall file a new application for membership with the club. Club member's children, 18 years of age or older, must have their own membership to vote, hold office or be on the Board of Directors.

**Section V. Dues**

The annual dues shall be \$35.00 per family unit. The membership dues are payable on or before January 31st and expires on December 31st of same year. Membership dues may be paid at any time during the year, but points will not begin to accrue for year end awards unless dues are paid in full.

**ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS**

**Sections I. Officers**

The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the regular club meeting

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in the month of December. The term shall last one (1) year commencing January 1st. All candidates must be in good standing three (3) months before becoming eligible to hold office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) members in good standing. Of these five (5) one will be voted as Arena Director, one will be Awards Director and one will be Newsletter Reporter, one will be Playday Secretary and one will be Assistant Arena Director.

**Section II.** Re-elections

All officers and board members may be re-elected to the same office or any other office by majority vote.

**Section III.** Officer Duties

a. President- shall

1. be the chief executive officer and preside at all meetings.
2. be responsible for the enforcement of the by-laws and rules of the club.
3. perform other duties prescribed

b. Vice President shall

1. in the absence of the president, have the power to perform duties of the president
2. assist the president in all duties when called upon to do so in club operation
3. attend all meetings

c. Secretary shall

1. document and keep minutes of the meetings of the members.
2. minutes are to be kept in an orderly manner and housed in binder that will be delivered to each individual who follows in this office.
3. maintain membership roster, complete with name, address, phone number and distribute membership roster to all paid members
4. maintain other club records deemed by President
5. be responsible for club correspondence as directed by President
6. be responsible for notices of club meetings
7. be responsible for advertisement of club functions in media

d. Treasurer shall

1. keep records of money received and expenses paid
2. pay appropriate bills and accounts
3. deposit all funds and maintain bank accounts
4. report account transactions at monthly meetings
5. provide breakdown copies of account transactions to each officer at monthly meetings
6. have change money for playdays and be responsible for receiving money at events, membership dues, etc.
7. sign club checks with President of club

e. Arena Director shall

1. direct events selected by membership for playday
2. acquaint self with all rules, equipment, and specifications necessary to execute events
3. see that arena is maintained and/or prepared for playday with respect to optimum safety of each participant
4. will along with two (2) officers of club rule if conditions are unsafe to continue with playday due to weather or status of arena
5. check coggins of all incoming horses

f. Awards Director shall

1. set up and maintain books and points
2. appoint club members to assist in performance of these tasks and others as required
3. be responsible for keeping ribbons and awards available for playdays
4. be responsible for end of year hi-points awards
5. be responsible for locating and preparing a place for party for end of year awards

g. Playday Secretary shall

1. take entry forms and maintain worksheets for all work areas
2. be responsible for filling out ribbons
3. carry class folder to announcer/time keepers

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4. figure points at end of each event
  5. return all leftover awards and ribbons and time sheets to Award Director
  6. assist Awards Director with keeping records accurate
  7. be responsible for appointing an announcer and time keeper, appoint members to judge and assist with other work areas
- h. Newsletter/Reporter shall
1. be responsible for publishing and mailing newsletter in a timely manner
  2. report news of club meetings, playdays, upcoming events, special events, any other news of importance to members
- i. Assistant Arena Director shall
1. perform the same duties as prescribed for Arena Director in his/her absence assist with judging, setting up events, etc.

**ARTICLE VI. RESIGNATION**

**Section I. Member Resignation**

Upon resignation of an individual member/member family for any reason other than dissolution of the club, no money paid for dues will be refunded nor any further reimbursements be made.

**Section II.** A member will be considered resigned if they fail to attend at least one (1) club meeting during a twelve (12) month period.

**Section III.** Any time a member resigns or is terminated they must return their leased key for \$25.00 refund.

**ARTICLE VII. CONDUCT**

**Section I.** A club member shall at all times conduct himself/herself in a manner so as not to cast any negative reflection upon the club. A member shall not use abusive profane language, use of alcoholic beverages, display disorderly conduct, abuse, mistreat or cause injury to any animal, member or non-member on club property or during club functions, fail to pay dues or attend at least one club meeting. No member should speak in a negative, derogatory, sarcastic, hateful, vengeful manner against another member or non-member. Any non-member who misbehaves will be asked to leave the property and depending on the severity of rule breaking may be asked to never return. Any misconduct of member(s) will be investigated by a committee of five (5) members, three (3) of which are officers. If so decided, the secretary will be instructed to notify individual(s) concerning results of investigation. Probation time will be determined by committee or termination of membership which will be permanent. Those members concerned have ten (10) days in which to file an appeal to be heard by the membership. The membership decision is final with no refund of money.

**ARTICLE VIII. ARENA RULES**

**Section I. Events**

1. When an event is taking place in the arena, only persons designated by the Arena or Assistant Arena Director may be in the arena.
2. Each rider will clear the arena before the next rider may enter.
3. Each member must take his/her turn working at club functions. Children under the age of fourteen (14) will not be allowed to judge, announce, or keep time, in any event, but are encouraged to help with other duties where adult supervision is provided.
4. Riders must register with the Playday Secretary and ride in rotation or as name is called. If a rider has been called three (3) times and is not ready to ride, he/she will be disqualified for that event.
5. No one but club members and their guests may use the arena for practice. Club members must be present and responsible for their guests at all times.
6. No member may loan, lease, sell, or purchase equipment without the matter being brought before the club meeting and voted on. Decisions to sell or purchase must be made by a vote at club meeting.
7. Any repairs made to the arena must be brought to the attention of club officers. Any emergency must be reported to Arena Director and club President immediately.

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8. Playday events will be conducted in accordance with AASP&RC rules, unless otherwise voted by club. Playdays will be held on the second weekend of the month. Rain date the following weekend.
9. All gates will be locked when the arena is not in use. All members are entitled to lease a key for a \$25.00 deposit for access to arena and clubhouse.
10. The clubhouse may not be used for private parties unless approved by the Officers and Board.
11. The Club is not responsible for any person, horse, equipment, or vehicles, trailers, etc. that become damaged both during club activities or during personal use of arena.
12. Stallions and/or unmanageable horses are discouraged from being brought to the playdays. Members may use the arena to school their stallions or unmanageable horses any time there are no scheduled events.
13. All members must ride a minimum of twenty-five (25) events in a calendar year in order to qualify for year-end awards. No exceptions.
14. Membership meeting will be held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at PBRC club house unless otherwise notified. Board meetings will be held as deemed necessary or the Board may be polled by phone in emergency situations.
15. Amendments and additions to the rules of the club may be made by a majority vote of all members present at regular monthly meeting.
16. No one under the age of eighteen (18) years of age will be allowed on PBRC premises without being accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, who must be present at all times while minor is on club property.

**ARTICLE IX. CLASS DISTINCTION**

**Section I. Class Division**

At the January 7, 2003 club meeting, the club decided by unanimous vote to no longer combine classes. Therefore, it takes only (1) rider to make up a class.

**Section II. Class Change**

At the February 4, 2003 club meeting, the club decided by unanimous vote to no longer allow movement up or down between the classes. A rider must ride in his age class determined by his/her age as of January 1, of that year.

**ARTICLE X. CLUB DISSOLUTION**

Dissolution, any proposal for dissolution will be discussed by the club membership. Majority vote must decide dissolution and balance of assets will be disposed of by a majority vote of the members attending said meeting. Proceeds, if any, will be paid to Scottish Rite Hospital, 2222 Welborn Street, Dallas, TX 75219. Phone: 214-559-5000.