

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Eligibility

Except as otherwise provided in this section, any owner or trainer of the Thoroughbred racehorse who is currently licensed as such by any Racing Commission in the United States or Puerto Rico and who starts a Thoroughbred racehorse in a qualifying race within the jurisdiction of this Association, shall be eligible for membership in the Association. Any partnership, corporation or other association that is so licensed and that starts a Thoroughbred racehorse in a qualifying race within in the jurisdiction of this Association shall likewise be eligible for membership. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any member who, directly or indirectly, has an ownership interest of not less than the minimum percentage required for licensing of a person or entity by the Racing Commission or Board having jurisdiction over race meetings at which members of the Association participate, shall be entitled to cast one vote in the Association's elections.

No trainer or owner-trainer shall be eligible for membership unless at least fifty per cent (50%) of the horses he trains are owned by Association members and at least fifty per cent (50%) of his owners are Association members.

Section 2 Membership

Any person or entity eligible for membership in the Association shall become a member at such time as such person, or the entity through which eligibility for membership is established, shall start a Thoroughbred racehorse in a qualifying race (which is a race on which pari-mutuel wagering is authorized within the jurisdiction of this Association), unless the Association is notified in writing that such a person or entity does not desire to be a member.

Section 5

A member of the Association shall remain as such,

1. So long as he or the entity through which membership is established, is a licensed owner, owner-trainer, or trainer of a thoroughbred racehorse
2. Shall have started at east one horse in a qualifying race within a twelve month period with the jurisdiction of this Association
3. So long as he is not (unless the consent of two thirds of the elected members of the board of directors of this association has been obtained) a member of any other rival organization that represents owners' and trainers' interest and property rights in negotiation agreements with racing associations cover purses, pony lead fees, television right, simulcasting off track betting or interest on owner's deposits in the horsemen's bookkeeper accounts which directly competes with the Association with respect to such matters,
4. Unless he earlier resigns, is suspended or expelled by the association.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is made up of the President, Five (5) Owners Only, Five (5) Trainers or Owner/Trainers, three (3) Alternate Owners Only and three (3) Alternate Trainer-or Owner/Trainer

The Board generally meets once a month unless a situation arises when additional meetings are required.

Board Members serve on the following Committees:

Executive Committee

This committee consists of the President and three (3) board members and requires availability for meetings with management in the event of an emergency or planned meeting to discuss and resolve various problems brought to the table by management or the CTHBPA.

Financial Committee

This committee is made up of three (3) members. Their responsibility will be to compile all requests for donations, present the board with HBPA office bills, proposed expenditures and supervision of the HBPA accounts. It may require meetings with the accountant or auditor. Keep track of all monies deposited in financial institutions.

Backstretch Committee

Consisting of three (3) members and they are responsible for the improvement of backstretch conditions and facilities. They are responsible to be available for meetings with management to discuss and resolve issues pertaining to any problems on the backstretch.

Medication Committee

Currently we have three (3) board members serving on this committee. These committee members work in conjunction with Mountaineer Park and National HBPA to create rules and regulations of medications for the betterment of the horse racing industry.

Condition Book Committee

Consists of board members and trainers from the backstretch. They will meet with the Racing Secretary to discuss the condition book proof and discuss any changes that need to be made.

Purse Committee

Consists of one to three board members to follow the over/under report and the balance of our purse fund on a weekly basis.

Bylaws Committee

During the new administration, the Bylaws will be a major concern. This require meeting to go over the entire contents of our old bylaws, work with the HBPA legal counsel then present them to the general membership for approval.

Special Events Committee

Consists of a least three members to help carryout events sponsored by the HBPA.

Other Committee may be created by the President, as needed.