



## **CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW ZEALAND PINTO HORSE SOCIETY INCORPORATED**

### **1. NAME**

The name of the Society is New Zealand Pinto Horse Society Incorporated

### **2. PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the Society was formed is to preserve, improve and promote the coloured horse known as Pinto

- A. To maintain, operate, promote, and support effective registry record keeping functions
- B. To compile and publish a register of registered horses in New Zealand
- C. To aid and encourage the breeding, exhibition, and continuation of the Pinto Horse in New Zealand
- D. To organise and promote shows and other activities. Including to set rules, regulations and standards for shows with Pinto sections/classes

### **3. ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

Any Adult Member entitled to vote may lodge a remit seeking to alter, amend or add to this Constitution at an AGM or SGM.

- A. 75% majority vote (including proxy votes) of the votes cast shall be sufficient to pass a remit affecting this Constitution.
- B. Voting shall be by email or online form vote or online meeting or by confidential paper vote at the AGM/SGM.
- C. Any alteration, amendment or addition to this Constitution that is approved at an AGM or SGM shall come into force immediately after filed in the Companies Office which shall be within 10 working days of the AGM or SGM.

### **4. INSURANCE**

The society shall from time-to-time effect and maintain such insurance as shall be deemed necessary by the Committee.

### **5. COMMON SEAL**

- A. The Committee shall provide a common seal for the Society and may from time to time replace it with a new one.
- B. The Registrar shall have the custody of the common seal which shall only be used for the purposes of affixing to New Zealand Pinto Horse Society Incorporated certificates of registration and other documentation.

### **6. USE OF MONEY AND ASSETS**

The Society may only use money and other assets if:

- A. It is for a purpose of the New Zealand Pinto Horse Society Incorporated.
- B. It is not for the sole personal or individual benefit of any Member. But shall not prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the Society or to any member of the Society in return for any services actually rendered to the Society; and
- C. That use has been approved by either the Committee or by majority vote of the Society.

### **7. CONTROL AND USE OF FUNDS**

All monies received by or on behalf of the Society shall forthwith be paid to the credit of the Society in an account with a Bank from time to time to be fixed by the Society. All withdrawal slips drawn on the account shall be signed by one signatory of the account.

## **8. REGULATIONS**

The Society shall from time to time by resolution in committee meeting make, amend or rescind regulations not consistent with the constitution governing procedure at its meetings and the conduct of the affairs of the Society.

## **9. REGISTERED OFFICE**

The Registered Office of the Society shall be that of the current Secretary.

## **10. MEMBERS**

The Society shall consist of members each being a person interested in any manner of the Pinto horse. The signatories to these rules shall be the first member.

## **11. CLASSES OF MEMBERS**

### **A. Adult Member**

Any person 18 years of age or over as at the 1 August in each year and having been accepted by the Society as an adult member and paid the annual adult member subscription as set by the committee.

### **B. Junior Member**

Any person 17 years of age and under as at the 1 August in each year and having been accepted by the Society and paid the annual subscription as set by the committee. Junior members shall not be entitled to hold office or vote at any meeting.

### **C. Family Membership**

For families consisting of two or less adults and their dependent children 17 years of age or under as at 1 August in each year and been accepted by the Society and paid the annual subscription as set by the committee. A dependent child is defined as being maintained as a member of the family for which membership is applied, not financially independent and not living with another person in a marriage, civil union or de facto relationship.

### **D. Life Member**

Any person 18 years of age or over as at the 1 August in each year and having been accepted by the Society as an adult member and paid 15 x the current Annual Adult Membership.

## **12. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Membership shall be open to all persons who subscribe to the purpose of the Society, agree to abide by its constitution, rules and regulations upon their written application to the Secretary of the Society and on payment of the annual subscription.

Membership can be declined on the grounds of monies outstanding, maltreatment of horses, have previously been expelled as a financial member, unworthy conduct including misuse of Social Media involving the Society, unacceptable behaviour at competitions, abuse or unacceptable behaviour towards other members, officials or volunteers representing the Society either verbal, via email, text or other social media.

Unacceptable behaviour will be decided by the current committee if it caused considerable distress to the person the behaviour was aimed at. Misleading statements regarding other members, committee members and officials will also be regarded as unacceptable behaviour. The decision of the committee shall be final.

## **13. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Every member shall pay to the Society an annual subscription to be set at each AGM for the following year. Membership fees are valid from 1 August to 31<sup>st</sup> July the following year

## **14. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS**

Any member may resign from their membership by giving to the Secretary notice via email to that effect and every such notice shall unless otherwise expressed take effect as from the date of such notice. A person who ceases to become a member remains liable to pay to the Society the amount of any subscription or other accounts due and payable by the person to the Society but unpaid at the date of that cessation. The Society will make no refund to the resigned member for any subscription already paid.

## **15. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

The Committee may at any time by letter or email advise any member that membership is to be revoked, for breach by him/her of this Constitution or any unworthy conduct including but not limited to maltreatment of horses, cheating including but not limited to at competitions or poor member conduct. Membership shall be suspended from the date of the letter or email until the SGM is held.

A question of expulsion at a Special General meeting to be held within one calendar month from the date of such letter or email sent. At such meeting the member whose expulsion is under consideration shall be allowed to offer an explanation in writing or via email and thereupon two thirds of the members present shall vote for his/her expulsion.

That member shall forfeit all rights, title and interest and shall have no claim against the Society for reimbursement of any annual subscription or any part thereof. The decision is final.

## **16. SOCIAL MEDIA**

The Society treat all social media postings, blogs, status updates and tweets as public comment. Postings (written, photos or videos) must be family-friendly and feature positive Society news and events.

No personal information about our members can be disclosed without their permission.

No statements will be made that might bring the Society into disrepute, must not offend, intimidate, humiliate or bully another person, must not be misleading, false or injure the reputation of another person, should respect and maintain the privacy of members.

Abusive, discriminatory, intimidating or offensive statements will not be tolerated. Offending posts will be removed and those responsible will be blocked from the site.

Members must conduct themselves appropriately when using electronic communication to share information with other members or posting material on public websites, social media connected to the Society

## **17. LIST OF MEMBERS**

The Society shall maintain an up-to-date and accurate list of its members, including, but not limited to, membership category, name, and contact information.

Members are responsible for notifying the Society via email of any change to their contact information.

## **18. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held during the month of July unless the committee otherwise decides, either via e-mail votes or at a venue appointed by the committee or online meeting. The business of the Annual General Meeting will include:-

- A.** President's Report;
- B.** Financial Account and Treasurer's Report;
- C.** The election of the following office holders – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar and up to 7 Committee members
- D.** The consideration of any other business

## **19. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

The President may for any special purpose call a Special General Meeting. Any member may call for a Special General Meeting but must have the written support of not less than one third of the total voting members and must state the purpose for which the meeting is required. The Secretary will give notice of a Special General Meeting no later than 14 days after receiving the request. The meeting can be held at a venue appointed by the committee or via e-mail or online meeting.

## **20. COMMITTEE MEETING**

7 days' notice is deemed to be served (by email, website or other electronic means) and not less than 2 committee meetings shall be held in each year via e-mail or online meeting or at such times and places as the President or in his/her absence or inability the Secretary or Vice President shall direct for the purposes of transacting the business

of the Society and deciding upon such resolutions as shall be duly submitted at the meeting. Issues that need to be addressed between meetings will be done so via email and the issue and voting results will be included in the minutes for the next meeting.

## **21. NOTICE OF BUSINESS FOR ANNUAL OR SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

Notice of Business for Annual or Special General Meetings 14 days' notice of AGM or SGM Meetings will be given to all members stating the time, date and place of the Meeting. The Notice will include the business to be transacted at the meeting, and in the case of a Special General Meeting, the reason for calling the meeting

Every notice required to be given to the members shall be deemed to have been duly e-mailed to them at the last known e-mail address or by notice posted on the New Zealand Pinto Horse Society Incorporated website.

## **22. PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS**

At all meetings not conducted electronically the President shall take the chair and in his/her absence the Vice President and in the absence of both the President and the Vice President the members of the committee present shall elect one of their members to take the chair. Every Full Adult member shall be entitled on every motion to one vote exercised in person or by proxy. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson at that time shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.

## **23. PROXY VOTES/POSTAL VOTING**

Any full Adult member is eligible to vote by email or online form on any remit or show of hands in an online meeting at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. The Secretary must receive the voting form no later than 3 days prior to the meeting.

## **24. VOTING RIGHTS**

Only accepted financial Adult members shall be entitled to vote at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Society. Members shall have the following votes according to their membership classification.

**Adult members** – One Vote

**Family members** – Each Adult to have one vote, no more than two adults per family

**Junior members** – No vote

## **25. QUORUM**

At all committee meetings four members shall constitute a quorum, at the Annual General Meeting ten members shall constitute a quorum and at a Special General Meeting seven members shall constitute a quorum. Proxy vote/s may be counted towards the numbers of members attending the meetings.

## **26. VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE**

The committee shall have power to appoint a member to fulfil any casual vacancy on the committee until the next Annual General meeting and any member so appointed shall retire at the next Annual General Meeting together with the rest of the committee by all and all or any of the retiring committee shall be eligible for re-election. An agenda must be presented to all committee members 7 days prior to the meeting and committee members notified via email or online website and all proxy votes along with comments to be in 24 hours prior to the meeting.

## **27. DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE**

It shall be the duty of the committee generally to conduct the affairs of the Society and to keep usual and proper books of account properly posted up and other records of the business of the Society and to notify members of intended meetings and the business to be transacted thereat and to prepare and submit to the Annual General Meeting a report, balance sheet and statement of accounts for the preceding year. Meetings of the committee may be convened by e-mail or online meeting at such times and places as the President or in his/her absence, inability or refusal to act, the Secretary shall appoint and four persons shall be a quorum. The committee is to maintain a minimum of six members, including position holders, with a maximum of 12. They endeavour to have a balance of membership from both Islands. If a committee member does not attend meetings in person, or via e-mail or internet they may be removed from the committee. Committee members are required to be present at

meetings, missing no more than two meetings in a row or four throughout the year, unless the committee is contacted and excuses the member at their discretion.

## 28. WINDING UP

If the Society is wound up:

- A. The Societies debts, costs and liabilities shall be paid.
- B. No distribution may be made to any Member.
- C. Surplus money and other assets of the Society shall be distributed to NZ Riding for the Disabled.

## REGULATIONS

### 1. Registration

Application for registration will only be accepted from financial members of the New Zealand Pinto Horse Society Incorporated. Application must be made on forms supplied by the Society. All details must be completed fully. If all requirements are not met i.e. correct photos etc. the application will be returned to the applicant with an administration fee deducted. You must be the legal owner or leasee of the horse to apply for registration. If the horse is leased a Lease Notification form must be completed

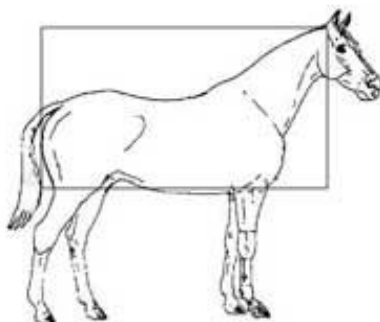
### 2. Registration Certificates

These are issued via email by the Society to all members for a specific horse upon receipt of payment, photos and application form. Numbers will be shown on certificates – PT....

### 3. Registration Requirements

Pinto's or Pintaloosa's with either known or unknown parentage which meet the colour and pattern requirements.

Horses must have definitive white markings on the body, not including face or below the elbow and stifle on the legs as per diagram below.



Horses may be white and any other colour except Grey such as Bay, Black, Palomino, Buckskin or Chestnut etc. If the colour or pattern is in doubt a colour/pattern test is required.

Grey horses are NOT eligible for registration. If the horse applying for registration has a grey parent or looks to be greying out, a DNA test is required to show the horse does not carry the grey gene.

**Only colour visible on a dry horse from a minimum of 2 metres away shall be considered.**

**The lesser of the two colours should meet one of the following:**

- Miniature** - Current or estimated mature height 96.52cm (38 inches) & under. Patches to total no less than A6
- Pony** - Current or estimated mature height to be over 96.52cm & under 148cm. Patches to total no less than A5
- Hack** - Current or estimated mature height to be over 148cm. Patches to total no less than A4

### **Pattern Categories**

Tobiano, Tovero, Overo or Pintaloosa. A horse can only be registered in one category

**Sabino** horses are NOT eligible for registration if in doubt colour coat (pattern) testing is required

**Pintaloosa's** must have the minimum patch requirements and spots to be eligible for registration and have an Overo, Tobiano or Tovero parent. Colour coat (pattern) testing is required

#### **4. Artificial Markings**

Any horse photographed with artificial markings (excludes mane and tail) will be rejected for registration and the owner may be barred from the Society. When a protest is filed questioning the eligibility on the grounds of having artificial coat markings and this protest is deemed valid by a committee member, the Society has the right to suspend registration until such time as to determine whether or not the horse has been artificially coloured

#### **5. Breeding Regulations**

It is the duty of each owner to keep proper records of stud breeding activities, including particulars and dates of service and foaling. Mare Service Certificates to be emailed to the Registrar at time of registration of the foal

#### **6. Artificial Insemination**

The Society accepts fresh, chilled or frozen semen as acceptable forms of AI. AI must be certified by the inseminator at the time of AI. A signed Insemination Certificate from Veterinarian or AI Technician, or a Service Certificate from the stallion owner (if inseminating) are acceptable

#### **7. Branding or Micro chipping**

Horses registered with the Society may be branded or/and micro chipped

#### **8. Death**

When an animal has died the current Registrar is to be advised via email

#### **9. Prefixes, Suffixes and Naming of Horses**

Every financial owner shall record a name when registering a horse. The maximum length of a registered horse's name must not exceed thirty-five (35) letters including the prefix or suffix and spaces

The Society can refuse to accept names which are likely to be confused with other horse's names. A Prefix or Suffix will be required in some cases only to prevent duplication of names

Once a horse is registered, the name cannot be changed either by the breeder or owner except by applying to the Society for approval and at a set fee. Stud Prefixes/Suffixes cannot be changed, without permission from the owner of the Prefix/Suffix

Members may register a Stud Prefix or Suffix by completing the form at the current fee

#### **10. Change of Ownership**

When ownership of a registered horse is transferred, the vendor at the time of the transfer shall give the buyer the Registration Certificate and Transfer duly signed by him/her. Where the vendor sells a mare in foal he/she must provide the buyer with a Service Certificate. On a Change of Ownership form of any horses registered in joint ownership, all signatures of joint owners must appear

#### **11. Replacement or Corrected Registration**

A Replacement Certificate is a new Registration Certificate issued when the original has been lost, destroyed. A corrected Certificate is a new Registration Certificate issued when there is a change in colour, markings, breeding details, foaling date, change from stallion to gelding, addition of brands or microchip

#### **12. Age of the Horse**

The age of the horse shall be computed based on a calendar year starting on 1<sup>st</sup> August of the year foaled. It is a weanling during the calendar year in which foaled and yearling in the first calendar year following its foaling date, regardless of the date and year foaled i.e. horse foaled 27 Nov 2007 or 13 April 2008 automatically become yearlings at 1 August 2008

The only exception to this rule is e.g. the foal of a mare covered on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 will be deemed to commence its first year of life on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009 regardless of its date of birth, provided that date of birth is consistent with such covering and a signed Insemination Certificate from Veterinarian or AI Technician, or a Service Certificate from the stallion owner is provided

### **13. Protests**

All protests at NZ Pinto Horse Society competitions must be submitted in writing or via email to the Show Secretary no later than half an hour after the incident that gave rise to the protest. A deposit of \$50 must accompany all protests. If the protest is found to be valid the deposit shall be refunded. If a protest is found invalid the deposit shall be retained by the Society

### **14. Shows**

At all Pinto Society run shows, rules will be set by the organising show committee and must be obeyed. All competitors must be current financial members and horse registrations up to date. NZ Pinto Horse Society run shows must comply with all NZ Pinto Horse Society current Rules and Regulations

Current Official RAS Height Certificates are required for height stipulated classes

Best Colour and Pattern Class is judged purely on the markings exhibited, conformation is not considered. Pattern should ideally be 50/50 distribution of colour to white