



# Proposed Bylaw and Rule Changes 2017

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Proposed changes to be sent to the membership 3 weeks prior to the Spring General Meeting, to be voted on at the Spring General Meeting

## **ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

### **A. TYPES OF MEMBERS**

#### **Proposed Change #1**

1. Youth Member: Any individual ~~under 18 years of age~~ as of January 1st of the current year.

#### **Proposed Change:**

1. Youth Member: Any individual **17 years and under** as of January 1st of the current year.

#### **Proposed Change #2**

2. Individual Member: Any individual 18 years of age or over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

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#### **Proposed Change #3**

3. Family Member: Any family, whose ~~immediate~~ members reside at the same address. ~~The membership allowance shall be for two (2) adults and all the children in the family as described hereinbefore.~~

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#### **Proposed Change #4**

4. Farm or Business Member: Farm/Business membership consists of the owner(s) of the farm or business and any person assisting in working, showing, or handling horses owned by the farm or business

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## **ARTICLE VI – VOTING**

### **Proposed Change #5**

1. a. Youth - one vote if over 13 years of age, ending End of Year 2011.

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## Proposed Change #6

*2. A member, in good standing, may vote by proxy on a specific decision being represented by an officer or other member in good standing, upon presentation to the Secretary of such authorization in writing before opening of the meeting.*

## ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

### Proposed Change #7

*1. There shall be four (4) elected officers, these being, the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and ex officio the Past President. All Officers must be voting members. Only one member per household or business may stand as an Officer.*

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*1. There shall be four (4) elected officers, these being, the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and ex officio the Past President. The Past President may hold any Officer position other than that of President immediately if they have held two terms as President. All Officers must be voting members. Only one member per household or business may stand as an Officer.*

### Proposed Change #8

*2. The term of office for the officers of the Club shall be two (2) years. No person shall be eligible to hold office of President for more than two consecutive terms (four years). A waiting period of two (2) years is required before the Past President may run for the office of President again.*

### Proposed Change:

*2. The term of office for the officers of the Club shall be two (2) years with term beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> of current year. No person shall be eligible to hold office of President for more than two consecutive terms (four years). A waiting period of two (2) years is required before the Past President may run for the office of President again.*

### Proposed Change #9

*4. Up to eight (8) Directors at Large, when so required as determined by membership population, shall be elected by popular vote of the membership. The term of office for a Director is two (2) years.*

*All youth members of the club shall nominate a youth member who is 13 to 17 years of age to run in the election to become the Youth Representative. The Youth Representative will then be voted in by the membership at large. This Representative may vote, at directors meetings, on anything that directly affects the youth members of the club. The Youth Representative shall be welcome at all Directors' meetings.*

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All youth members of the club shall nominate a youth member who is 13 to 17 years of age to run in the election to become the Youth Representative. The Youth Representative will then be voted in by the membership at large. ~~This Representative may vote, at directors meetings, on anything that directly affects the youth members of the club. The Youth Representative shall be welcome at all Directors' meetings.~~ The Youth Representative may present a report in a specified time allotted at the beginning of each Director Meeting. This report can be presented either in person by the Youth Representative/Director or via submitted report to the Executive to present on their behalf. The Youth Representative/Director may be invited to attend Director Meetings in part or whole in some exceptions. As of the election of 2018, the position of Youth Representative/Director will be changed to Youth Ambassador.

### ARTICLE XII – FINANCES

#### Proposed Change #10

1. The fiscal year of the Club shall be from January 1st of any year to December 31st of the same year.

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1. The fiscal year of the Club shall be from **December 1st** of any year to **November 30th** of the **following** year.

Point Show Rule Change to be sent to the membership

2. Divisions: Ages for exhibitors will be as of January 1 of the current competition year. Juniors are exhibitors 12 years & under, Youth exhibitors are 13 – 17 years of age. Age Groups may be combined when there are insufficient entries in one of the age groups. No cross entering between Divisions (e.g. Youth can go in Junior/Youth Obstacle Driving but not Adult Obstacle Driving as well).

Novice classes: If offered, Novice classes are open to all exhibitors in their first year of showing on the MHCO Club Point Show Circuit only (exception: Novice/COOL Driving classes are open to any COOL Exhibitors). Ribbons will be awarded in this class. However no points will be awarded to Novice exhibitors but COOL exhibitors will receive points which will count towards year end Driving (Perpetual trophies, MHCO Honour Roll). No cross entering between Divisions (e.g. Novice/COOL Drivers may not go in any Youth, Adult or Open Driving Classes **including with the exception of** Obstacle Driving). Once a Novice Exhibitor has moved out of the Novice Division, they may not move back into that Division. Exception: COOL Exhibitors may remain in the Novice/COOL Driving class indefinitely.