

NORTHWEST COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
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ARTICLE I  
NAME, PURPOSE AND LOCATION

Section 1

**Name:** This organization shall be called the Northwest Coordinating Committee. The official abbreviation shall be NWCC.

Section 2

**Purpose:** NWCC shall at all times be operated and conducted as a non-profit organization in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington providing for such organizations and by which it shall acquire all such rights as granted to organizations of this kind.

The purpose of NWCC shall be to promote and stimulate interest in the paint horse, for conformation and ability; by promoting interest in the paint horse as a breed. NWCC shall assist all member clubs in promoting paint horses in the northwest, coordinating member club show dates and judges, maintaining annual point records for year end awards and sponsor the NWCC futurities each year.

Section 3

**Location:** The principal place of business shall be the address of the current duly elected secretary, but business may be carried out at any place convenient to such members or officers as may be participating.

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ARTICLE II  
MEMBERS

Section 1

Member clubs shall be admitted, retained and expelled in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Board of Directors may adopt.

Section 2

Membership shall be open to all clubs, within Zone One, who subscribe to the aims of NWCC, abide by the rules and regulations and assist in furthering its purposes and objectives.

Section 3

All voting members shall maintain the financial responsibilities of NWCC. Each member club shall abide by the following:

- (a) Each member club shall contribute a set fee to NWCC as established by a year end audit of the expenses of the preceding year which shall be payable at the annual banquet for the following year, unless otherwise approved. This fee shall sponsor the futurity buckles.
- b) New clubs will only be considered for membership at the annual meeting (afternoon of the Year End Award Banquet) each year. The application for the membership to include a letter of request from the club president and a club check for membership fee.



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**Member delegates and alternates:**

- (a) Member delegates shall have full voting authority from their representative clubs to make any and all NWCC decisions.
- (b) All delegates and alternates shall be confirmed in writing from their respective club presidents (with addresses and phone numbers). Delegates will not have voting privileges until this has been received.
- (c) Each member club alternates shall have the right to participate in the discussions and any decisions, but may vote only in the absence of a delegate. One delegate absent - one alternate vote per club. In the absence of a delegate and alternate, a representative from a club must have a letter of authorization from the club's president to be allowed to vote.
- (d) Each delegate may represent and vote for only one member club.
- (e) Alternates may chair any sub-committee.
- (f) No proxy will be allowed.
- (g) At least one delegate must sit on any committee.

Section 2

If a director misses two consecutive meetings without due cause he or she shall automatically be dropped from the board and replaced by a general membership election. If any director or officer fails to properly discharge his/her duties, he/she may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3

The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to enforce such rules and regulations, not contrary to law or these by-laws, as they deem expedient concerning the conduct, management, and activities of the committee. The suspension and expulsion of members, removal of officers, the rules and regulations governing the procedure of such suspension and expulsion and removal, and collection of dues and fees, the expenditure of money, the auditing of books and records, the conducting of show, contests, exhibitions, races, sales and social functions and other details relating to the general purposes of the member clubs.

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ARTICLE IV  
OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1

**Officers:** The officers of the NWCC shall be the chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer. Officers shall be nominated from the floor at a yearly membership meeting and such officers shall hold office for a period of one year.

**Chairperson:** The chairperson shall be voted into office by NWCC delegates. The chairperson of NWCC may not be the president or secretary of a member club. In the absence of the chairperson, the vice-chairperson will preside over the meeting. The chairperson will send an agenda for the vice-chairperson. The chairperson shall have the power to break all ties. Whichever member club



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ARTICLE VI  
ELECTIONS

Section 1

All officers and directors shall be elected by written vote. Each officer shall be voted upon by written ballot and election completed before nomination can be accepted for the next office.

Nominations will be open at the regular membership meeting of each year. Notice of the membership meeting for the purpose of electing officers and directors shall be given by mailing a notice to the last known address of each voting member club in good standing stating the time and place of such meeting. Said notice shall be mailed not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such election meeting. The chairperson will accept nomination from the floor for each office to be filled.

Section 2

Election for any single position with more than two nominees shall require a runoff of the top two if no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.

Section 3

Special elections for a vacancy of an office shall be conducted at the next regular membership meeting providing the fifteen (15) day written notice has been mailed to the membership.

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ARTICLE VII  
MEETINGS

Section 1

Regular NWCC meetings shall be held twice yearly at such time and place as may be fixed by resolution. Installation and election of officers or directors and transactions of any other business may be brought before the meeting. The time and place of these meetings shall be published as deemed necessary.

Section 2

Special Meetings: Special meetings of the NWCC may be held at such time and place as may be designated in the notice whenever called in writing by direction of the chairperson or by the majority of the Board of Directors or by a notice signed by not less than twenty (20) percent of the member clubs then in good standing.

Notice of each special meeting indicating briefly the object or objects thereof shall be given to each member club. All business listed on the agenda can be voted upon at this special meeting.

Section 3

Any officer of NWCC may call the meeting of the member club delegates to order and may act as chairperson of such a meeting, precedence being given as follows: chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer. In the absence of all such officers, member delegates present may elect a chairman.



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laws and any such rules of order NWCC may adopt.

The chairperson may adopt a parliamentarian to be present at meetings.

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ARTICLE X  
INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1

Each director, officer and committee-person of NWCC shall be indemnified by the committee against all cost, expenses and liabilities reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with or resulting from any action, suit or proceeding to which he or she may be made a director, officer or committee-person of NWCC except in relation to matters which shall have been occasioned by the willful misconduct or dishonesty of such director, officer or committee-person. The foregoing right of indemnification shall cover amounts paid in settlement of any such action, suit or proceeding when such settlement appears to be in the interest of the committee. The foregoing rights shall be in addition to any other rights to which such director, officer or committee-person may be entitled as a matter of law.

ARTICLE XI  
DISSOLUTION

Section 1

Upon the dissolution of the NWCC, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of NWCC, dispose of all the assets of the committee. Remaining assets are to be turned over to a charitable organization which at the time qualifies as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501.c (5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provisions of any future U.S. Internal Revenue laws.

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ARTICLE XII  
DISCIPLINE

Section 1

Disciplinary action to any member club shall be taken by the Board of Directors as specified in the APHA rule book and/or NWCC guidelines.

All member clubs shall be given prior written notice of their proposed action and shall be given a chance to appear in person before such disciplinary committee.

Section 2

This action will be evoked by the breaking of NWCC guidelines or APHA rules or actions causing a bad reflection on this organization or the paint horse breed.

Section 3

Anyone suspended by the APHA is automatically suspended by NWCC, pending review by the NWCC disciplinary committee.

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**ARTICLE XIII**

**In any conflict between the rules and by-laws of the committee and the rules and by-laws of the American Paint Horse Association, the rules of the American Paint Horse Association will govern.**

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**AMENDED 12/5/92**

**AMENDMENT**

**A family, for membership purposes, will be defined as a married couple with or without children and single adults with children. Children are defined as unmarried youths eighteen (18) years of age or younger who are members of the household. Membership is conferred when dues are paid and remain in effect through the calendar year regardless of subsequent changes in circumstances detailed in this amendment.**

**(Adopted March 9, 1985)**