



# National Association for Competitive Mounted Orienteering, Inc.

## Bylaws

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### **ARTICLE I - Name, Purpose and Boundaries**

Section 1 The name of this organization shall be the National Association for Competitive Mounted Orienteering, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

Section 2 The Association is organized and operated exclusively for public, educational, scientific, and charitable purposes, including:

- a. Educating the public about the sport of Competitive Mounted Orienteering, safe horse handling, riding, and care practices.
- b. Preserving natural resources and assisting in maintenance of park trails and facilities.
- c. Educating the public about natural resources, including the importance of preserving those natural resources.
- d. Enriching the lives of members and the general public by providing outdoor activities, camaraderie, and fellowship among horse enthusiasts from all walks of life.

Section 3 The Association, covering all of the United States and member countries, is open to all regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual preference, religion, or age.

Section 4 The Association shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder of residue from dues, fees or donations to the Association shall be used to the benefit of any member or individual.

Section 5 The Association may be dissolved at any time by a vote in favor of dissolution, of not less than 2/3 of the members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the club other than for purposes of reorganization whether voluntary or involuntary or by action or law, none of the property of the Association, not any proceeds thereof, nor any assets of the Association shall be distributed to any members of the Association. After payment of the debts of the Association, its property and assets shall be given to a non-profit organization involved with equestrian trail development selected by the Board.

#### **ARTICLE II - Membership**

Section 1 Pursuant to IN code 23-17-7-3, the Association is a not-for-profit corporation without legal membership. Instead, "members" and "membership" as used in these by-laws refers to those individuals who qualify according Article II, Section 3.

Membership is open to all persons who are interested in promoting the sport of mounted orienteering as defined by the Association's by-laws and rules.

Section 2 All participants must be members to ride. Memberships are of 3 types: annual, lifetime and day.

- a. An annual individual or family membership can be purchased at any time, and is renewable on January 1st.
- b. A member who serves as Ride Manager or Co-Ride Manager for at least 20 rides is awarded a lifetime membership which is renewed annually without cost to the member.
- c. Day membership may be purchased on the day of the ride, and is in effect for that day only.

Section 3 Only paid up annual or lifetime members of the Association have voting privileges. An individual member has one vote; a family has two votes.

Section 4 Upon written request and after investigation, the Board may revoke or deny the Association membership of any individual or family if the Board feels that membership is not in the best interest of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE III - Directors, Officers, and Duties**

Section 1 All directors of the Association must be annual or lifetime members in good standing.

Section 2 Each state or chapter with active ride season status shall have a director, who shall represent the state or chapter's membership in all affairs of the Association by serving on the Association's Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the Board.

- a. States or chapters with a ride season of five or more sanctioned NACMO rides per year will have active status. Other states or chapters may petition the Board for consideration based on membership numbers, rides managed or ridden in neighboring areas, or other evidence of activity in the sport.
- b. A state or chapter Director shall be elected by that state or chapter's members or appointed by the President/Executive Director.
- c. A state or chapter Representative may be appointed by the President/Executive Director for those states or chapters not yet compliant with active status.
- d. An interested person from a state or chapter with no CMO activity may be appointed the Official Contact Person for that state or chapter by the President/Executive Director.

Section 3 The term of office for state or chapter Directors and Officers is two years, with consecutive

terms available.

- Section 4 The National Board of Directors shall be comprised of state or chapter Directors, the President/Executive Director, and other members as may be elected by the rest of the Board to fill needed offices.
- Section 5 The board shall elect a President/Executive Director, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Pointskeeper, and others as they deem necessary.
- a. President/Executive Director: The President/Executive Director shall work actively toward accomplishing the purposes and objectives of this Association. The President/Executive Director shall conduct all meetings and keep the members informed of all proposals and issues that directly affect the membership. The President/Executive Director shall be the official spokesperson for the Association on all matters and may delegate such authority to any board member. The President/Executive Director may appoint an assistant if necessary. The President/Executive Director shall be responsible for the quarterly newsletter. The President/Executive Director shall conduct all meetings.
- b. Vice President: shall conduct meetings in the President/Executive Director's absence.
- c. Secretary: shall conduct the correspondence of the Association and take minutes of the meetings.
- d. Treasurer: shall sign all checks and account for all monies of the Association. The Treasurer shall receive all dues, sanction fees, and all post-ride information from the managers to submit to the National Points Keeper for posting the information for reference.
- e. National Points Keeper: shall receive post-ride information from the Treasurer and/or Ride Managers, maintain a record of all rider and horse points, and reconcile points at year's end with state directors.

#### **ARTICLE IV - Meetings**

- Section 1 The Board shall conduct regularly scheduled business meetings. Special Board meetings may be called at any time by any Board member, appointed position, or any group of members with 72 hour advance notice. Request for a special Board meeting shall be submitted to the President/Executive Director, or the Vice President in the President/Executive Director 's absence.
- Section 2 A quorum, which is a simple majority of the board members, is required for official business to be conducted at any meeting.
- Section 3 The Association operates on a January 1st through December 31st year for all purposes.
- Section 4 The annual business meeting of the National Board of Directors shall be held during March. States shall hold annual meetings and elect directors prior to that time.

#### **ARTICLE V - Finances**

- Section 1 Revenue for the Association shall be secured from dues, sanctioned ride and rider fees, and other sources. Revenue shall be placed in the general fund for awards, insurance and other expenditures necessary to operate the Association.
- Section 2 At the end of each fiscal year, the President shall assign a committee to audit the Treasurer's books. The committee shall assist in preparing the budget which will then be submitted to the board for approval.
- Section 3 Ride managers will submit to the Association the following fees: rider fees, ride sanction fees, annual and day membership fees collected at sanctioned CMO rides. These fees, along with the annual membership fees will cover operating expenses of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE VI - Parliamentary Authority**

- Section 1 The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall guide all proceedings of the organization.
- Section 2 These by-laws may be amended by 2/3 vote of the responding general membership, and results shall be announced at the annual meeting.
- Section 3 Proposed by-law changes shall be presented to the Board of Directors in written form, on or before November 1. The board will review the proposed amendment for clarity of language and eligibility.
- Section 4 Ballots for proposed by-law changes will be [sent](#) to eligible members at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting. To be counted, ballots must be returned by the due date listed.
- Section 5 Rule changes: Members may propose changes to the rules through their State Director for

consideration by the Board of Directors.

#### **Article VII - Points and Awards**

Section 1 To be eligible for awards, a person must be a current paid up member of the Association and participate in sanctioned rides. Non sanctioned, Demo rides may be managed for outreach and/or training purposes. Points at these unofficial rides do not count toward year end or lifetime awards.

Section 2 High Point awards will be given annually at the State or Chapter and National Level in the following categories:

- ! High Point Individual Long Course
- ! High Point Individual Short Course
- ! High Point Team Long Course
- ! High Point Team Short Course
- ! Junior Rider
- ! Junior Rider Runner Up

High Point Individual will be determined by the five (5) highest scoring rides, ridden alone. Team High Point will be determined by the five (5) highest scoring rides as a team. At least two (2) members of a team must go out on the ride for points to count for top five ride awards. Riders may not qualify for more than 1 High Point Award. Ties will be broken by the highest number of competitors totaled on the top five scoring rides. If a tie still remains duplicated awards will be awarded. Junior rider award will go to the junior who accumulates the most points during the ride season on long or short course rides. There will be a first and second place for the junior riders at both the national and state or chapter level.

Section 3 Lifetime awards are awarded to members as they reach each incentive level for both the Long Course and Short Course rides. Awards will be issued for lifetime cumulative rider points at point levels of 50, 150, 300, 500, 750, 1000, 1500, 2000, continuing in increments of 1000 for the lifetime of the person's membership. Riders accumulate objective station points and time placing points. Ten (10) objective station points are available at each ride if all of the objective stations are found. Six (6) time points are earned by placing 1st at a sanctioned ride, five (5) time points are earned by placing 2nd, and so on, down to sixth place which earns one (1) time point for the rider.

Section 4 Ride Manager and one (1) Co-Ride Manger may also earn lifetime awards as they reach each incentive level. Awards will be issued for Ride managers and Co-Ride managers cumulative points at point levels of 5, 10, 15, and a life membership will be awarded when the ride manager or Co-Ride manager points level reaches 20. Each ride managed will earn one (1) point.

Section 5 Horses also earn awards based on a lifetime of accumulated points (no matter who rides the horse or if the horse is sold to another NACMO member). Horses only accumulate objective station points. They do not accumulate time placing points. Awards will be issued for cumulative horse points at the levels of 200,400, 600, 800, 1000, continuing in increments of 500 for the lifetime of the horse.