

**ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT
NSW STANDARDBRED OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.
RULES OF ASSOCIATION**

1 NAME

- 1.1 The name of the incorporated association is NSW Standardbred Owners Association Inc. ("the Association").

2 INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

2.1 Definitions

- 2.1.1 Headings are for convenience only and do not effect interpretation. In these Rules, unless inconsistent with the context:-
- 2.1.2 the singular includes the plural;
- 2.1.3 the masculine includes the feminine;
- 2.1.4 "Member" means, when used without qualification, a person admitted to any of the several categories of membership of the Association;
- 2.1.5 "Committee" means the Committee of Management of the Association;
- 2.1.6 "Associations Incorporation Act" means the Associations Incorporation Act 1 981 or any amendment or re-enactment thereof.
- 2.1.7 "HRNSW" means Harness Racing New South Wales.
- 2.1.8 "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Association.
- 2.1.9 A reference to "notice" includes notice by fax or email and in the case of a notice of meeting of members includes placing an advertisement of the meeting in the Herald Sun or other daily Melbourne newspaper, which shall be deemed to be sufficient notice of same.
- 2.1.10 "Voting Member" means a member entitled to vote at a General Meeting of Members currently constituting Full Members, Paying Members and Life Members. Only members whose names appear on the Members Register of the Association shall be entitled to vote at a General Meeting of Members of the Association.
- 2.1.11 "General Meeting" means a General Meeting of Members of the Association including the Annual General Meeting of members and Special General Meeting of members.
- 2.1.12 "President" means President of the Committee of the Association or President of the relevant meeting as the case requires and "Vice President" means Vice President of the Association.
- 2.1.13 Any question of interpretation which arises under these Rules or a by-law of the Association shall at first instance be referred to and attempted to be resolved by the Committee within a period of one week of the question being raised prior to involving any outside party or court.

3 PURPOSES

- 3.1 To promote the efficient conduct, regulation and development of harness racing.
- 3.2 To promote the consideration and discussion of all questions affecting the sport of harness racing and in particular to promote economy, efficiency, excellence and co-operation and generally to watch over, support and protect the character, status and interest of the owners (which includes owner-trainers and owner-trainer-drivers) of standardbred racehorses and to promote their best interests by all lawful means.
- 3.3 For such purposes to collaborate with and assist in every way possible the appropriate bodies and authorities in their control of the sport of harness racing.
- 3.4 To give these bodies and authorities facilities for conferring with and ascertaining the views of owners of standardbreds on matters directly or indirectly affecting harness racing.
- 3.5 To distribute among its members and affiliates information on all matters affecting owners of standardbreds and to print, publish, issue and circulate such papers, periodicals, books, circulars and other literary undertakings as may seem conducive to any of these objects, and to correspond with any similar association, and to obtain any information with regard to harness racing in any country or place.
- 3.6 To retain or from time to time to employ skilled professionals or technical advisers in connection with or for the purposes of carrying into effect the objects of the Association and pay for their services, such fees or remuneration as may be thought expedient.
- 3.7 To promote the common interest of the members of the Association either alone or in conjunction with other bodies or associations with similar objects in other Australian states or overseas.
- 3.8 Generally do or take part in any matters conducive or ancillary or incidental to this Statement of Purposes or any of them.
- 3.9 In the event of doubt, uncertainty or dispute concerning this Statement of Purposes or any matter relevant thereto, they shall receive a wide and liberal interpretation.

4 POWERS

- 4.1 The powers of a natural person, including the powers given by the Associations Incorporation Act but subject to any limitations imposed by that Act.
- 4.2 To subscribe to, become a member of and co-operate with any other association, association or organisation, whether incorporated or not, whose objects are altogether or in part similar to those of the Association.
- 4.3 To enter into any arrangements with HRNSW that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the purposes and the exercise of the powers of the Association, to obtain from HRNSW any rights, privileges and concessions which the Association may think is desirable to obtain and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions.
- 4.4 To invest and deal with the money of the Association not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be thought fit.
- 4.5 To take any gift of property whether subject to any special trust or not, for any one or more of the purposes of the Association.