

## Silver Spur Riders Club Constitution

### ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of the organization shall be Silver Spur Rider<sup>1</sup>s Club.

### ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

1. To offer a unified and organized horse show association.
2. To offer a variety of horse show events to please all breeds of horses.
3. To offer a variety of English and Western classes to those interested in showing horses. The classes will be determined at membership meetings or designated by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS..

### ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership shall be open to anyone interested in showing all breeds of horses in a variety of both English and Western classes. Any current year paid member has full voting rights.
2. Memberships are not transferable.
3. Membership fees for the year will be determined annually.
4. Membership will be defined as any member who is currently a paid member and is entitled to participate in all monthly shows and participate in the membership meetings and banquet.
5. MEMBERSHIP IN THIS CLUB MAY BE REVOKED FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS:
  - a) VIOLATION OF THE BY-LAWS (constitution and current SSRC Rulebook), OR DULY ADOPTED RESOLUTION OF THE CLUB.
  - b) CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CLUB. THE BASIS OF REVOKING MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: AFTER INVESTIGATION AT A HEARING TO WHICH THE MEMBER WOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND, IF, IN THE OPINION OF THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, A MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE REVOKED, THE BOARD SHALL SO RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT. THE PRESIDENT SHALL THEN PLACE IT ON THE FLOOR AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CLUB. A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING WILL BE NECESSARY TO REVOKE A MEMBERSHIP.
6. NO MEMBER SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE CLUB, NOMINATION TO ANY OFFICE, TO HOLD OFFICE OR TO VOTE ON ANY ISSUE OR PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS OR DIRECTORS OR SIT ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHO FAILS TO SETTLE, FOR ANY PURPOSE, HIS OR HER INDEBTEDNESS TO THE CLUB.

7. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE, BY MAJORITY VOTE, MEMBERSHIP TO ANYONE (BY MAJORITY VOTE) OR ATTENDANCE TO CLUB OR CLUB RELATED ACTIVITIES.

#### ARTICLE 4: OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Officers of SSRC shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Chair and Parliamentarian. The ADULT OFFICERS OF THE CLUB SHALL SERVE AS EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

a) YOUTH Officers will consist of: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter.

2. Past-Presidents, IF MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING, may serve as NONVOTING Advisors to the club, if requested by the board.

3. THE OFFICERS OF THE CLUB SHALL BE ELECTED ANNUALLY BY THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. THE ELECTION SHALL BE BY BALLOT ON PLURALITY VOTE, HOWEVER, IN THE CASE OF ONLY ONE (1) PERSON BEING NOMINATED FOR THE OFFICE, A VIVA VOCE (VOICE) VOTE MAY BE TAKEN. EACH OFFICER SHALL HOLD OFFICE UNTIL HIS/HER SUCCESSOR SHALL HAVE BEEN DULY ELECTED AND SHALL HAVE QUALIFIED. TERMS OF OFFICE SHALL BEGIN AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

#### ARTICLE 5. MEETINGS

1. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS SHALL BE AT THE AWARDS BANQUET OR ON A SELECTED DATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS AND FOR THE TRANSACTION OF SUCH MATTERS OR BUSINESS AS MAY COME BEFORE THE MEETING.

2. MEETINGS WILL FOLLOW ROBERT RULES OF ORDER.

3. A WRITTEN, PRINTED or POSTED AT THE SHOWS NOTICE STATING THE PLACE, DAY AND HOUR OF ANY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF MEMBERS SHALL BE GIVEN NOT LESS THAN TEN (10) DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF SUCH MEETING, OR AT THE DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, OR THE SECRETARY, OR THE OFFICERS OR PERSONS CALLING THE MEETING.

4. SHOWS WILL BE HELD MONTHLY BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH AND ENDING IN NOVEMBER. THESE DATES MAY VARY DEPENDING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF THE ARENA.

#### ARTICLE 6. MEMBERSHIP DUES

1. Annual membership dues are assessed per person with the dollar amount not to exceed three members per family. NO MATTER HOW MANY MEMBERS A FAMILY MAY HAVE.

2. Household will be defined as persons in immediate family living at that present address.

3. The entry fees in the monthly shows will be determined at the annual general membership meeting.

#### ARTICLE 7. AMENDMENTS

THE BYLAWS (CONSTITUTION OR RULES) MAY BE ALTERED OR REPEALED AND NEW BYLAWS MAY BE ADOPTED AT ANY DULY CALLED MEETING OF MEMBERS AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 5: #3 AFTER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET.

A. A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT LEAST 25 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

B. THE NAME(S) OF THE MEMBER(S) SUBMITTING THE AMENDMENT MUST APPEAR ON THE AMENDMENT.

C. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUES OF THE NEWSLETTER TO INFORM ALL MEMBERS OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS.

D. THE AMENDMENT WILL BE READ ALOUD AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER AND A VOTE YES OR NO ON THE AMENDMENT WILL BE TAKEN.

E. THE AMENDMENT MUST RECEIVE A MAJORITY VOTE YES VOTES OF THE VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT TO PASS.

F. ANY OTHER CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS (CONSTITUTION OR RULES) DEEMED NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE WITHIN THE YEAR MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR APPROVAL AND A SPECIAL MEETING CALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 5 OF THE BYLAWS AND ADOPTED BY THE PROCEDURES PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE.

#### ARTICLE 8. OFFICERS

1. President-The President will preside over all meetings, contact the arenas for available show dates, contact horse show judges to be used at the show. The President will also aid the Treasurer as needed.

2. Vice-President- The Vice-President will assume the duties of the president in his/her absence and/or resignation, will contact appropriate help when needed and shall prepare, copy and mail the monthly newsletter.

3. Secretary-The secretary will keep accurate books of class winnings at the shows. They will also keep accurate minutes at all meetings. THE SECRETARY WILL RECORD CLASS WINNINGS ON A SPREAD SHEET AND HAVE THIS AVAILABLE AT THE NEXT SHOW OR READY FOR THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER.

4. Treasurer- The treasurer will handle the club's accounts, including all of the club memberships entry fees, sponsorships, pay the judges, arena rental, insurance and other monthly bills. They will have available accurate records at all times. THE TREASURER WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SHOW TO WORK THE REGISTRATION TABLE OR TO ASSIGN PERSON/PERSONS TO TAKE OVER THIS RESPONSIBILITY.

5. Publicity- The publicity chairman will notify various media of show dates results.

6. Parliamentarian- The Parliamentarian aid the President with all meetings and follow ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER.

7. In the event of a vacancy of an office other than president, the EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS will appoint OR ASK THE MEMBERSHIP FOR a person to fill the vacancy. NOTIFICATION OF THIS VACANCY WILL BE SENT TO MEMBERS IN THE NEWSLETTER OR POSTED AT THE SHOWS PRIOR TO THIS POSITION BEING FILLED.

8. YOUTH OFFICERS will consist of: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter.

#### ARTICLE 9. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. Membership is open to any horse enthusiast that has filled out a Membership form and has paid the appropriate Annual Membership fees.

2. Active members shall be notified of show dates and allowed to participate in the show as long as they can submit a clean health certificate or coggins certificate for their horses.

#### ARTICLE 10. DISSOLUTION

ANY MOTION FOR DISSOLUTION SHALL FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 7 OF THE BYLAWS.

ANY MEETING IN WHICH DISSOLUTION IS TO BE VOTED ON SHALL HAVE A QUORUM OF ONE-HALF PLUS ONE OF THE VOTING MEMBERSHIP PRESENT AND RECEIVE AT LEAST TWO THIRDS OF THE VOTES IN FAVOR OF DISSOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED.

ANY ASSETS BELONGING TO THE CLUB AT THE TIME OF DISSOLUTION SHALL BE DONATED TO A HORSE RELATED ORGANIZATION SUCH AS THE CALCASIEU PARISH 4-H HORSE PROJECT OR CALCASIEU PARISH THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER EITHER ONE BEING DECIDED UPON BY GENERAL VOTE AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION.