

**RAMONA SANTANA RIDERS**  
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**ARTICLE I – NAME**

This organization shall be known as the Ramona Santana Riders, also known as RSR, of Ramona, California. It shall, at all times, be operated and conducted as a not for profit organization. The colors are blue and white.

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

It is the purpose of this club to:

1. Encourage and promote the finest type of horsemanship, sportsmanship, and character among its adult and youth members.
2. Disseminate to its members information relating to the breeding, raising, training, and use of the horse.
3. Conduct and sponsor horse shows, gymkhana events, and general riding activities.
4. Promote Ramona as an active community.
5. Conduct and sponsor educational clinics and activities for the advancement of our youth members.

***NOTE***

*Whenever the term member or members is used within these By-Laws, unless otherwise specified, it shall mean a member or members having the right to vote.*

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

**Section I Active Membership**

He/she shall become an active member upon receipt of a complete annual membership form and dues. Let it be known and anticipated, that as an active member you can be assigned a job, or be asked to assist in the production of any horse event. Active members in good standing shall vote in club matters in accordance with Article III, Section V.

**Section II Dues**

1. Membership dues are paid annually. Membership dues for the following year shall be decided by the Executive Board at the August Board Meeting. Membership year shall be from February 16 – February 15.
2. All membership dues and fees must be paid before points are earned or accumulated for year-end awards.

**Section III Rejection of Applicants**

An applicant may be rejected by a majority vote of the current Executive Board and he/she will be informed in writing by the current Executive Board. Any rejected applicant may not re-apply sooner than three months. Basis for rejection – see Article VIII – Discipline.

**Section IV By-Laws**

Each member shall be furnished a copy of the updated By-Laws. By applying for membership, the applicant automatically agrees to be bound by and abide by the By-Laws, rules and regulations of RSR.

**Section V Membership Categories**

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|-----------------|---------|---------|
| 1. Single Youth | \$15.00 | 1 Vote  |
| Single Adult    | \$20.00 | 1 Vote  |
| Family          | \$30.00 | 2 Votes |
2. *Single Youth* – A youth member is one who has not reached his/her eighteenth (18th) birthday as of January 1st of the current membership year.
  3. *Single Adult* – An adult member is one who has reached his/her eighteenth (18th) birthday as of January 1st of the current membership year.
  4. *Family* – A family membership consists of immediate family members living in the same household (i.e., parent, legal guardian, and dependent children (21 & under)). The parent/guardian will determine who in the family will vote the two votes.

**ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Section I Membership**

The voting Executive Board shall consist of seven adults. One or more youth members may serve on the Board in an advisory capacity.

**Section II Term of Office**

The Executive Board members shall serve one term of one year and can be re-elected annually.

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**Section III Eligibility**

To be eligible for the Executive Board in this organization, you must demonstrate an interest in this club and be of good moral character. To be eligible for President, you must have served on the Executive Board for one year, if possible. If not, election of the Executive Board President shall be at the discretion of the Executive Board members.

**Section IV Nominations and Elections**

Candidates shall be nominated at the October and November meetings. Members shall vote for those candidates who have accepted nomination at the December General Meeting. Voting shall be allowed based on type of membership paid (absentee ballots permitted). Announcement of those elected will be made by the current President. The newly elected Executive Board shall begin their term immediately following the Awards Banquet. It is recommended that the first Executive Board meeting of the new year be held with the outgoing Executive Board and the newly elected Executive Board.

**Section V Duties**

1. The Executive Board shall have the power and authority to make, amend, repeal, and enforce such rules and regulations, not contrary to law, or the By-Laws, as they may deem expedient concerning the conduct, management and activities of the club.
2. The Executive Board has the responsibility of interpreting the By-Laws, taking care that no preferential treatment be given to any individual, that the original intent of the By-Laws is not altered, and that primary consideration should be given to the good of RSR overall.
3. No single Board member shall have the power or authority to make individual decisions that affect the formation of policy within the club.
4. Members of the Executive Board are required to work the minimum hours detailed in Article XIV, Section II, Rule 3 to be eligible for year end awards. Attendance to meetings shall not be counted as hours worked. Hours spent fulfilling the duties of his or her office shall be counted towards the work requirements.

**Section VI Board Vacancy**

In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Board, the members shall nominate and vote to fill the vacancy at the next General Meeting. Voting shall be as allowed based on type of membership paid (signed absentee ballots permitted).

**Section VII Removal of Executive Board Member**

An Executive Board member may be removed from his/her position, if, in the opinion of the Executive Board, his/her activities have been detrimental to the purpose of this club, or he/she has been unable to fulfill the obligation of his/her position. This action shall be achieved by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Board. Any Executive Board member who is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Executive Board shall forfeit the office, unless in the opinion of the Executive Board such absences have been unavoidable

**ARTICLE V – OFFICERS**

**Section I President**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and shall perform other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office. The President shall represent the club by taking an active part and guiding the other members. The President shall appoint the following chairperson:

1. Points Keeper – He/she shall be responsible for keeping current, accurate, and available records for all members of this club. Points are unofficial until audited at the end of the year for tabulation of year-end awards. He/she is responsible for obtaining current membership lists.

**Section II Vice President**

The Vice President shall assist the President in the discharge of his/her duties and shall officiate during the absence of the President. He/she shall be responsible for processing new members and issuing copies of the By-Laws. The Vice President shall be responsible for tracking the hours worked by each membership.

**Section III Secretary**

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and be responsible for keeping an accurate record of the meeting in attendance. He/she shall submit a copy of the minutes to the Executive Board. The Secretary shall be responsible for sending out special correspondence. He/she will work with the President and the Vice President in matters of membership. In the absence of the President and the Vice President, the Secretary shall be the presiding officer at any General Meeting.

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**Section IV Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall keep accurate and legible books. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping proper records of the incoming and outgoing money, to include responsibility for the bank account. The Treasurer shall issue receipts in duplicate of all monies received. The Treasurer shall prepare a working budget by the February Executive Board meeting.

**Section V Chairperson of Open Horse Show**

Chairperson for Open Horse Show shall have the responsibility of administering and operating the Open Horse Shows. Examples of such responsibilities include, but are not limited to, obtaining a list of qualified judges to be presented to the Executive Board for each show, generating and distributing show premiums, bringing necessary supplies/equipment as required for each show, and obtaining volunteers as necessary for the operation of the Open Horse Show.

**Section VI Chairperson for Gymkhana Horse Show**

Chairperson for the Gymkhana Horse Show shall have the responsibility of administering and operating the Gymkhana Horse Shows. Examples of such responsibilities include, but are not limited to, obtaining a list of qualified judges to be presented to the Executive Board for each show, generating and distributing show premiums, bringing necessary supplies/equipment as required for each show, and obtaining volunteers as necessary for the operation of the Open Horse Show

**Section VII Chairperson of Sponsorships**

Chairperson of Sponsorships shall be responsible for planning and implementing annual sponsorships and fundraising events such as raffles, tack sales, bake sales, trail rides, clinics, etc. The Sponsorship chairperson shall make sure the money is turned into the Treasurer, a letter of appreciation is written and sponsor names are included in the newsletter. In addition, the Sponsorship Chairperson shall be an integral collaborator in horse show awards, year-end awards, and sponsorship appreciation year-end awards; and shall perform other duties as ordinarily pertain and conjoin to this office.

**Section VIII New Executive Board**

All Executive Officers shall deliver to his/her successor all property belonging to the club in his/her possession by the first executive meeting of the new board.

**ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS**

**Section I**

1. *General Membership Meetings* - There shall be meetings of the General Membership at a designated time and place.
2. *Special Meetings* – Special meetings may be called by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

**Section II Executive Board Meetings**

The Executive Board shall hold monthly meetings at such time and place as may be designated by the Board. They may hold additional meetings as the President finds necessary.

**Section III Quorum**

Five (5) Executive Board Members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board. At a general membership meeting, a quorum of the Board must be present to conduct business.

**Section IV Voting**

1. Each member shall vote according to the type of membership paid: Single adult or single youth memberships are entitled to one vote; a family membership is entitled to two (2) votes.
2. If the measure under consideration has been published in writing in advance of the meeting, signed absentee ballots are permitted.

**Section V Procedure**

All procedures not covered by these By-Laws shall be governed by “Robert’s Rules of Order”.

**ARTICLE VII – FINANCES**

**Section I Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of this organization shall begin February 16 and end February 15.

**Section II Deposits and Withdrawals**

Deposits shall be made in a bank selected by the Executive Board. All checks drawn on this account shall require the signature of two (2) of the four (4) designated Board Members.

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**Section III Disbursements**

1. No money shall be spent from the Treasury without first being approved by the Executive Board.
2. Any monies specifically donated to either the Open Show or the Gymkhana Show shall be used for the group to which it was donated.

**Section IV Financial Review**

A financial review shall be made annually.

**ARTICLE VIII – DISCIPLINE**

**Section I Cause**

The following are representative causes for suspension or expulsion by this club:

1. Willful violation of the By-Laws.
2. Failing or neglecting to perform any duty required by the By-Laws or by the request of the Executive Board.
3. Fraudulently receiving or misappropriating club funds.
4. Failure to conform to the rules and regulations established for a club event or activity.
5. Willful damage to club property or any property used in connection with a club activity.
6. Willful slander of another club member.
7. Falsification of membership application.
8. Committing an act of violence, fighting, brawling, profanity, or other improper conduct at a club function.
9. Gambling at a club activity.
10. Habitual disruption of harmony at club activities.
11. Cruelty to a horse.

**Section II Disciplinary Action**

1. Any of the acts listed in Section I of this article, or those of similar nature shall be reported to an Executive Board Member who shall immediately report his/her findings to the entire Executive Board. The Executive Board shall have full jurisdictional responsibility and authority for disciplinary action. The decision of the Executive Board is final.
2. Any appeal should be filed in writing, signed and dated within 48 hours of the infraction. It must be delivered to the Executive Board of RSR, and must be accompanied by a \$25 filing fee. If the appeal is found to be with substance and is upheld, the fee will be returned.
3. The Show Chairman or other Board Member shall have the authority to excuse from a show any person who is engaging in disruptive behavior at that show. Disruptive behavior includes but is not limited to: arguing with a judge, arguing with show management, disrupting the class routine, profanity, cruelty to a horse and/or excessively loud conduct.

**Section III Grievance Procedure**

1. If a member disagrees with the decision of the Executive Board then a Grievance Committee shall be formed from the General Membership. The committee shall consist of three (3) members in good standing. This committee shall review all materials relating to the disciplinary action and appeal.
2. If a member disagrees with the decision of the Grievance Committee, the parties agree to go to Mediation at the expense of the complainant.

**Section IV Cruelty to a Horse**

The club shall not condone mistreatment of a horse in any manner. Any offense should be reported to an Executive Board Member who shall investigate the incident and report his/her findings to the Executive Board. Both the offending member and the person reporting the offense must be present at the hearing by the Executive Board. A decision of disciplinary action may be made by the Executive Board after the hearing.

**ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS / BY-LAW CHANGES**

**Section I. Procedure**

1. *Proposal* - Any member in good standing may submit in writing a proposed amendment or By-Laws change to the Executive Board.
2. *Discussion by Executive Board.* The Executive Board will read and discuss all By-law change proposals. Each proposal shall be marked with the approval or disapproval of the Executive Board

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3. *Procedure of notifying membership of Proposed Change* - All proposed amendments, once properly submitted, shall be distributed to the entire membership through the mail, along with notification of the meeting(s) at which discussion and voting will occur. These proposed amendments should not be identified with the names of the person(s) submitting the change, but should be marked with the approval or disapproval of the Board. Membership must be notified at least ten (10) days prior to any such meeting.
4. *Voting* - At the next General Meeting, the proposed By-Laws change or amendment shall be presented for a vote. Member(s) shall vote. Voting shall be as allowed by the type of membership paid (signed absentee votes permitted).
5. *Duration of Existing By-Laws* – By-laws approved by the first show shall remain in effect for the duration of the current show year. Approved rule changes shall become effective the following membership year.
6. *Frequency of By-Laws Changes* - Proposed By-law changes shall be acted upon (published, discussed and voted upon) after the close of the current show year, but prior to the first show of the next show season.
7. *Publication of new By-Laws* – Following approval of any changes to the By-Laws, a complete copy of the amended By-Laws will be distributed to every membership.

**ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION**

The RSR may be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members in good standing. All property of monetary value shall be sold and the receipts thereof, as well as monies in the Treasury, shall be given to a charity or to another organization as decided by a majority vote of its membership.

**ARTICLE XI – INDEMNIFICATION**

Each director, officer, and committee person of said club shall be indemnified by the club against all costs, expenses, and liabilities reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with or resulting from an action, suit or proceeding to which he/she may be made a party by reason of his/her being or having been a director, officer, or committee person of the club, except in relation to matters which shall have been occasioned willful misconduct or dishonesty of such person. The foregoing right of indemnification shall cover amount paid settlement appears to be in the best interest of the club. The foregoing rights shall be in addition to any other rights to which such persons may be entitled as a matter of law.

**NOTE**

**It is strongly suggested that all members be reminded that this club works on a volunteer basis. No one is hired or paid to be on the Executive Board. People have volunteered to work on and for the club because they want to promote the purpose of this club. All members should treat each other with the utmost respect and help one another. A club can be as strong as the Executive Board is united.**

**ARTICLE XII – OPEN HORSE SHOW RULES**

**Section I**

The regular monthly Open Horse Show shall be held on a date set by the Executive Board. Combined Open and Gymkhana horse shows may replace the regular monthly show with Board approval.

**Section II – Age Divisions**

1. The age divisions refer to the age of exhibitor as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show year. Exhibitors in 10 and Under classes may not cross enter into any class in which horses may be loping or cantering.
2. “Age Divisions” when referenced in these by-laws means age defined groups of classes: 10 & Under; 12 & Under; 13-17; 18 & Over; and Open. “Open” in this sense means open to any age level.

**Section III – General Rules**

1. *Eligibility* – Open horse shows are open to all who pay the required fees, members and non-members. All participants are eligible to receive Daily High Point Awards. Only members who have met all of the eligibility criteria will be considered for Year-end Awards.
2. *Declaration of Point Horse* – Horses to be eligible for year-end consideration must be listed on the membership form. Horses may be added to the member’s list at any horse show by filling out the

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- appropriate form. Board approval is not required to add a horse, however, all points will accrue from the date the horse is added.
3. *Point Horse* – A one-horse, one-rider rule will apply except in Halter and Leadline classes.
    - a) Points may be earned on multiple horses, but each will be scored as a separate horse/rider combination.
    - b) Points on a pleasure horse may be earned by multiple riders, but will be scored as a separate horse/rider combination.
    - c) Shared horse – two riders may share a horse, however, at no time may the same horse be entered in the same class on the same day; the points for a shared horse will be kept as two separate horse/rider combinations.
  4. *Change of Point Horse:*
    - a) Replacement Horse - Point horse may be REPLACED when the member's horse has been sold, the lease has expired, or some other circumstance has made the horse unavailable to be shown for the rest of the season. With RSR Board approval, equitation points earned previously may be transferred to the new horse. Performance points will begin tabulating anew as a new horse/rider combination.
    - b) Substitution horse – Equitation points may be transferred to a different horse if:
      - i) A Substitution Horse form must be submitted prior to showing the horse. The veterinarian letter must follow shortly, and RSR Board approval must be sought and attained before any points will be combined.
      - ii) A veterinarian letter dated within one week of the horse show is received specifically stating that the point horse/pony cannot be shown. The letter should state specifically the reason, and when the horse can be expected to be able to show again. Approval will be granted in exhibitor judged classes only (Equitation).
  5. *Lead Line* – In recognition that many of the children who show in Lead line do so with borrowed horses, the one-horse/one rider rule is waived. Horses used for Lead line do not need to be declared as a point horse for the child.
  6. *Halter Classes* – To be eligible for year-end awards the owner/lessee of the horse must be owned by a member and must be listed on the membership form. Other members may show the halter horse. Any year-end awards will be awarded to the owner/lessee of the horse.
  7. *Cross Entry* –
    - a) There will be no Exhibitor cross entry from 10 and Under classes into any class in which horses may be loping or cantering.
    - b) There will be no Exhibitor cross entry from Leadline into any riding class.
    - c) Participants of Leadline or the 10 and Under Division who cross enter into a riding class and then cross back, shall lose points accrued to date and begin anew accruing points for the year.
  8. *Bits* –. ASHA rules specify bits which are acceptable for all classes.
  9. *Stallions* – Any non-altered male equine, any age, may be shown only by exhibitors eighteen (18) years of age and over
  10. *Dress* - Exhibitors must show with boots, belt, tucked in blouse or shirt, and Western hat/English helmet or safety helmet. No exhibitor will be penalized for wearing a safety helmet. Long sleeve shirt sleeves must be rolled down and buttoned at the cuff. NO tank tops, T-shirts, muscle man shirts, or crop type tops. No shorts or pants other than breeches or jeans. No tennis shoes of any kind, or any “other” type of riding shoe other than a full boot (lace up types are acceptable). Chaps are optional.
  11. *Helmets* – All competitors, 11 and under, must wear a safety helmet while riding in the area. Any minor who does not wear a helmet needs to have a waiver signed by the parent or legal guardian at each show. This includes English and Western Equitation, English and Western Pleasure, Lead-Line, and Walk-Jog, as well as any other Open classes 11 or Under may compete in. This includes Showmanship (In-hand) classes.
  12. *Protest* – Any protest must be filed in writing by the end of the show day. It must be delivered to a member of the Executive Board and it must be accompanied by a \$25 filing fee (in cash). If the protest is found to be with substance and is upheld, the fee will be refunded. The protest will not be considered for review without a filing fee.
  13. *Conduct* - Exhibitors shall not argue with the judge at RSR shows. Exhibitors who do so may be disqualified for the remainder of that days' events. Any questions for the judge during the show must first

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be presented through the Ring Steward or Show Manager for response. All exhibitors must display good sportsmanship at all times.

14. *Leadline Handler* – In Leadline classes, the handler of the horse must be at least 18 years of age.

**Section IV. CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

1. *Green Horse* – Horse must not have been shown under saddle competitively in any Open Horse show prior to the date specified by the Board each year. This date shall represent a span of two years from the beginning of the current show season. This rule is not affected by ownership, membership with RSR, nor level of experience. It is understood that entering “Schooling classes”, gymkhana classes, or other types of riding disciplines are not counted as having been shown in an “Open Show”.
2. *Non-Blue* – To ride in a Western Non-Blue class, the exhibitor must never have received a blue ribbon in any Western Equitation class during a previous show season. To ride in an English Non-Blue class, the exhibitor must never have received a blue-ribbon in any English Equitation class in any previous show season, in any Open Horse Show.
3. *Novice/Amateur* – Exhibitor must never have received remuneration for horse training. Stallions are not permitted in these classes. Novice Amateur classes are traditionally for adults.
4. *Jack Benny* – Jack Benny is a class to be judged 50% on Equitation and 50% on Pleasure. It is intended for exhibitors aged 35 or over. Horses are to be shown at a walk, then jog/trot, then riders will be instructed to pick their favorite gait. Horses are to be shown both directions of the ring. The chosen gait must be the same both directions of the ring.
5. *Country Pleasure* - Country Pleasure is a Pleasure class. Horses are to be shown at a walk, then jog/trot, then riders will be instructed to pick their favorite gait. Walk is not considered an eligible gait. Horses are to be shown both directions of the ring. The chosen gait must be the same both directions of the ring.
6. *Discipline Rail* – Discipline Rail is a class which is judged 50% upon the exhibitor and 50% on the performance of the horse. Preference should be given to the horse/rider team who can work together smoothly.

**Section V Fees**

Any person owing fees to RSR will be prohibited from showing at RSR shows. Any points earned will be pending until debt is paid in full by next event or 30 days. Any person owing RSR monies from a prior year will not be accepted as a member until the balance is paid in full. A penalty of \$25 will be charged per returned check.

**Section VI Liability for Injury or Loss**

RSR will not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to horses exhibited, or persons present, or any article of any kind which may be lost, stolen, destroyed, or in any way injured. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury, or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any horse or article owned by him/her and shall indemnify RSR and the hosting facility against all legal or other proceedings, claims or demands of any kind or nature, in regard thereto, or that may arise from the participation or other actions of such exhibitor or the person in charge of the exhibitor’s horse or article.

**Section VII Governing Rules**

The club will use American Horse Show Association (AHSA) rules and American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) rules. Where conflicts arise between AHSA, AQHA and club By-Laws, club By-Laws will prevail.

**ARTICLE XIII –POINTS AND HIGHPOINT AWARDS– OPEN HORSE SHOW**

**Section I – Points**

1. Points shall be based upon the number of exhibitors in the class. Points shall be tabulated as follows:

# in class	1st place	2nd place	3rd place	4th place	5th place	6th place
1	3	1				
2	4	2	1			
3	5	3	2	1		
4	6	4	3	2	1	
5	7	5	4	3	2	1
6	8	6	5	4	3	2

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2. Disqualification's shall be scored as a 'DQ'.
3. Non-placing exhibitors shall be awarded one (1) point.
4. In the event of a tie, the riders shall both receive the same number of points for that class. Points are unofficial until audited at the end of the year for tabulation of year-end awards.

**Section II – Daily Highpoint Awards**

1. A Highpoint of the Day Award shall be awarded for each division.
2. Points earned by each horse/rider combination shall be considered for the High Point Awards. The same horse must be used for points to be tallied.
3. *Eligibility* – All participants of the Show are eligible to receive Daily High Point awards unless fees have not been paid. Membership is not a requirement.
4. *Divisions* – The divisions to receive High Point Awards are:
  - 10 & Under
  - 12 & Under
  - 13-17
  - 18 & Over
  - Open
  - Open Horse
5. *10 & Under High Point Award* – The combined points for Showmanship 10 & under, Pleasure 10 & under, Equitation 10 & under and Trail Walk/Jog will determine the recipient of this Award.
6. *Age Division High Points*– The combined points for the following classes shall determine the recipient of the Award for each age division: the age appropriate Showmanship class, the age specific English Equitation and Pleasure classes, the age specific Western Equitation and Pleasure classes, and the age appropriate Trail class.
7. *Open Horse* – The combined points for the classes chosen by the Board shall determine the winner of this Highpoint award. The list of eligible classes must be published in advance and be readily available to every person.
8. *Halter Horse* – Halter is not considered a division and so is not awarded a Highpoint award. However, the Open Show may include a Halter Championship class and make an appropriate award during the Show.

**ARTICLE XIV – OPEN HORSE SHOW YEAR-END AWARDS**

**Section I. Awards**

1. All Champions shall receive equivalent awards for each class, except for classes that were fully sponsored.
2. All Reserve Champions will receive equivalent awards for each class, except for classes that were fully sponsored.
3. Sponsored classes will receive awards based on the level of sponsorship, regardless of average class entry.
4. The awards will be presented at the Annual Year-End Awards Banquet.

**Section II. Determination of Awards**

1. Year-end awards shall be determined by totaling the accumulated points earned in eligible classes or divisions at all RSR sponsored or approved shows for the current show year.
2. *Eligibility* – To be eligible for Open Horse Show year-end awards:
  - a) Rider/Handler must have a completed membership form for the current show year with all fees and dues paid.
  - b) Horse must be a properly declared point horse.
  - c) Exhibitor must have shown in each class a minimum of one show more than 50% of the open shows offered to be eligible for individual class awards.
  - d) Member must have satisfied the requirement for hours to be worked.
3. *Required Work Hours* – Membership carries an obligation to help the club be a success. Each individual membership is required to work six (6) hours during the course of the Show season. Each family membership is required to work ten (10) hours.
  - a) Hours must be fulfilled by the conclusion of the last point horse show.

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- b) Hours may be worked at either Gymkhana or Open Horse Shows.
- c) If a member is unable to work at a show, then another club related service/job may satisfy the service requirement.
- 4. *Overall Year-end High Point Awards* - may be awarded in the following categories:
  - High Point Halter Horse
  - High Point 10 and Under Division
  - High Point 12 and Under
  - High Point 13 through 17
  - High Point 18 and Over
  - High Point Green Horse
  - High Point Open Exhibitor
  - High Point Open
- 5. Classes to be included in each overall Highpoint division must be published in advance of the first show and be readily available to all members.
- 6. Exhibitors need not have shown in each of the classes included in each Overall High Point category. However, only one-horse/one rider combinations will be totaled together for each category.
- 7. Ties – In case of ties, duplicate awards shall be given.
- 8. Special awards – at the discretion of the Board, additional or special awards may be given.
- 9. Any dispute over awards between exhibitor and owner will not involve RSR.

**ARTICLE XV – GYMKHANA HORSE SHOW RULES**

**Section I**

The regular monthly Gymkhana Horse Show shall be held on a date set by the Executive Board. Combined Open and Gymkhana horse shows may replace the regular monthly show with Board approval. Gymkhana horse shows are a horse and rider only combination.

**Section II      Speed Divisions**

- 1. Limited Future Champion (lead-line or ride independent, walk, jog/trot); Future Champion; 14 and Under A; A; AA;AAA. CGA rules govern.
- 2. Limited Future Champion, age 8 and under, has the option of riding independently or being led. These options may be combined without penalty. Limited Future Champion 8 & Under may accumulate points on more than one horse or pony.

**Section III      General Rules**

- 1. *Eligibility* – To be eligible for Gymkhana Horse Show year-end awards exhibitor must have on file a properly completed membership form for the current show year with all dues and fees paid. It is MANDATORY to declare your point horse/pony for every member on the membership form for points to be accumulated. Any exceptions are at the discretion of the Executive Board. In order to change a point horse/pony for any Gymkhana show, an exhibitor must submit prior to showing, one of the following documents:
  - a) Veterinarian letter specifically stating that the point horse/pony cannot be shown – reason why; time horse inactive; date horse can return.
  - b) A bill of sale showing the date the horse/pony was sold, name and description of horse/pony.
  - c) Any new point horse/pony must qualify in its own division.
- 2. *Cross Entry* – No horse/pony may be entered in the same event twice, except in the Limited Champion 8 & Under Division.
- 3. *Tack* – Any appropriate neat and humane Western equipment may be used with the following exceptions:
  - a) The judge may prohibit the use of bits and equipment that he may consider to be severe or unsafe.
  - b) Leadline exhibitors are not limited to the use of Western tack.
  - c) No device may be used to secure any part of the rider to any part of the saddle (breakaway bands) for exhibitors under the age of 18.
- 4. *Stallions* – Any non-altered male equine, any age, may be shown only by exhibitors eighteen (18) years of age or over.
- 5. *Dress* – Exhibitors must show in Western Attire, including boots, belt, tucked in blouse or shirt (sleeveless acceptable), and safety helmet when required. Long sleeved shirtsleeves must be rolled down and

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buttoned at the cuff. No tank tops, t-shirts, muscleman shirts, or crop type tops. No shorts or pants other than jeans. No tennis shoes of any kind, or any "other" type of riding shoe other than a full boot (lace up types are acceptable). Chaps and Western hat are optional.

6. *Helmets* – All competitors, 17 and under, must wear a hard hat/helmet while riding in the arena. RSR strongly recommends that all exhibitors wear a helmet.
7. *Protest* – Any protest must be filed in writing by the end of the show day. It must be delivered to a member of the Executive Board and it must be accompanied by a \$25.00 filing fee (in cash). If the protest is found to be with substance and is upheld, the fee will be refunded. The protest will not be considered for review without a filing fee.
8. *Conduct* – Exhibitors shall not argue with the judge at RSR shows. Exhibitors who do so may be disqualified for the remainder of that day's events. Any questions for the judge during the show must first be presented through the Show Manager for response. All exhibitors must display good sportsmanship at all times.
9. *Leadline Handler* – In Leadline classes, the handler of the horse must be at least 18 years of age.

**Section IV Fees**

Any person owing fees to RSR will be prohibited from showing at RSR shows. Any points earned will be pending until debt is paid in full by next event or 30 days. Any person owing RSR monies from a prior year will not be accepted as a member until the balance is paid in full. A penalty of \$25.00 will be charged per returned check.

**Section V Liability for Injury or Loss**

RSR will not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to horses exhibited, or persons present, or any article of any kind which may be lost, stolen, destroyed, or in any way injured. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury, or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any horse or article owned by him/her and shall indemnify RSR and the hosting facility against all legal or other proceedings, claims or demands of any kind or nature, in regard thereto, or that may arise from the participation or other actions of such exhibitor or the person in charge of the exhibitor's horse or article.

**Section VI Governing Rules**

The club will use the California Gymkhana Association (CGA) rules for Gymkhana Horse Shows. Where conflicts arise between CGA and club By-Laws, club By-Laws will prevail.

**ARTICLE XVI – PERFORMANCE POINTS – GYMKHANA HORSE SHOW**

**Section I Awards**

Riders will choose the division in which they will compete. Year-end points will be tabulated as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	place
8	6	5	4	3	2	points

Successful completion of the event equals one participation point.

If your time in a class is faster than your chosen division, you will receive one participation point.

**Section II Daily High Point Awards**

1. Highpoint and Reserve Highpoint will be awarded in each speed division.
2. Eligibility – All participants who exhibit in at least 3 events are eligible to receive Daily Highpoint Awards. Membership is not a requirement.
3. Division to be considered for Daily Highpoint include: AAA, AA, A, 14 and Under A, Future Champion, and Limited Future Champion (8 and Under).
4. Points will be tallied on each horse/rider combination.
5. Classes that are offered at all shows shall be eligible for class year-end awards and reserves. Classes that qualify can be sponsored, regardless of average entry.

**ARTICLE XVII – GYMKHANA YEAR-END AWARDS**

**Section I Points**

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Points will be awarded in seven or more events at each show. These events will vary from show to show. Points will be accumulated toward Year End Awards in all 6 speed Divisions.

**Section II**      **Division Assignment**

Riders will choose the Division in which they wish to compete at the first show in which they participate. A rider may move down a division if at the first show they do not compete at the division level that they choose. This move down must occur before the next show by notifying the Gymkhana Chair.

**Section III**      **Trainers**

Professional Trainers may not ride or qualify in the Future Champion Division if in the past 12 months he/she has trained Gymkhana horses or riders for money or have ever been AAA rated in any event.

**Section IV**      **Move-Ups**

It is the policy of the RSR management to offer 3 speed events and 3 skill events. A rider who runs 3 events in a higher division at a single show during the first 6 shows of the season shall be moved to a higher division. Move-ups are effective at the end of the show day. If a rider moves up but fails to run in the higher division in at least 3 classes at and future shows the rider will be moved back down. When move-ups or move downs occur, points from the lower or higher division go with the rider unless those points total more than the 1<sup>st</sup> place rider in the new division. If they do, then the move-up or move down rider will get 1 less point than the 1<sup>st</sup> place rider in the new division. No move-ups or move downs after the sixth show of the current year.

**Section V**      **Transfer of Points**

This section only applies when the exhibitor changes his/her point horse/pony according to ARTICLE XV, Section III, Number 1. Once the exhibitor transfers points to another mount and subsequently transfers points to another division, the exhibitor may not hold a position in the in the new division higher than their position on the old division. For example, if the exhibitor held fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) place rider in the A division and transfer a mount and qualifies in the AA division, their new points will be 1 less than the current 4<sup>th</sup> place rider in the AA division. Transfer of points can only be made on the same type of mount (i.e., if the original mount is a horse, the substitute mount must be a horse. If the original mount is a pony, the substitute must be a pony).

**Section VI**      **Determination of Awards**

1. A Championship is won by the member accumulating the most points in their speed division. Each Championship shall receive equivalent awards unless the division has been fully sponsored.
2. A Reserve Championship is won by the member accumulating the second most points in their speed division. Each Reserve Championship shall receive equivalent awards unless the division has been fully sponsored.
3. Sponsored classes will receive awards based on the level of sponsorship.
4. Overall Year-End High Point Divisional Awards will be awarded in the following categories:
  - High Point Limited Future Champion
  - High Point Future Champion
  - High Point 14 and Under A
  - High Point A
  - High Point AA
  - High Point AAAThe high points will be tabulated based on all accumulated points by exhibitors in their speed division.
5. Additional or special awards may be designated by the Board.
6. *Eligibility* – In order to be eligible for Gymkhana year-end awards, the requirements are:
  - a) Exhibitors in all speed divisions must be members of RSR in good standing. Points are accumulated once membership is paid.
  - b) It is MANDATORY to declare your point horse/pony for every member on the membership form for points to be accumulated.
  - c) Exhibitors must have qualified in a speed division.
  - d) Exhibitor must have shown in a minimum of one show more than 50% of the Gymkhana horse shows.
  - e) A membership is required to work a total of 6 hours for individual memberships, or 10 hours for family membership, during the current show season. Hours may be worked at any Open or Gymkhana Horse Show. Hours must be fulfilled by the last point horse show. If a member is unable to work at a show, then another club related service/job may satisfy the service requirement.

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