

**PINTO HORSE ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE
CONSTITUTION
Revised 2019**

ARTICLE I NAME

This organization shall be called the PINTO HORSE ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE, INC. This organization is subject to the directives and rules established by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Pinto Horse Association of America, Inc.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of this non-profit organization shall be the promotion of the Pinto horse through horse shows, trail rides and other events. The promotion of horsemanship, horse husbandry and sportsmanship is encouraged. It shall further the purpose of the Pinto Horse Association of America, Inc. on a local level in a manner prescribed by the national association, thereby assisting the national association to continue its promotional work on a national and international basis. The local association shall carry out all social endeavors of PtHA. It shall promote use of the Registry Book of the PtHA as the official registry of the Pinto Horse Association of America.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall consist of breeders, owners, and exhibitors of the Pinto horse and any persons interested in the promotion of the Pinto horse. Members shall consist of Individual, Youth and Family. Members eligible to vote in the Pinto Horse Association of America, Inc. shall be subject to the directives of the national rules.

CONST III Section I Family Membership

Family membership shall consist of a husband and/or wife and all unmarried members eighteen (18) years old and under as of January 1st. Their immediate family includes persons under their guardianship or custody who reside at the same address. Family Membership in the Pinto Horse Association of New York State, Inc. shall carry one (1) adult vote in New York State affairs which shall be cast by persons at least nineteen (19) years of age as of January 1st who are included under the Family Membership.

CONST III Section II Youth Membership

Youth Membership shall consist of an individual eighteen (18) years of age and under as of January 1st. These members do not carry a vote.

CONST III Section III Individual Membership

Individual Membership shall consist of persons not included in a Family Membership or Youth Membership. Each Individual Membership in the Pinto Horse Association of New York State, Inc. shall entitle said member to one (1) adult vote in New York State affairs by persons nineteen (19) years of age or older as of January 1st. Individuals eighteen (18) years of age and under as of January 1st shall be Youth members.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

CONST IV Section I Qualifications and Term of Service

The Officers shall be elected from the membership and must be at least nineteen (19) years of age as of January 1st of the current year and must have been a paid up member as of June 1st of the current year and be a member in good standing. The Officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who together with the Board of Directors shall comprise the Executive Committee and shall be responsible for the routine administration and management of the organization. The duration of office for all officers shall be two (2) years from the December meeting to the November meeting two (2) years forward and/or until their successors have been elected and shall have qualified. With the exception of the Office of President, there shall be no term limits on the number of consecutive times an Officer may serve. No person shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms as President, although that person may serve again as President after the passage of at least one (1) term out of office.

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CONST IV Section II Nominations and Voting Qualifications

Nominations for Officers will close at the October General Membership Meeting and ballots shall be counted and announced at the November General Membership Meeting or at the Annual Awards Banquet. Any ballot submitted to be counted may have written thereon any name of any person who is at least age nineteen (19) by January 1st of the current year and in good standing whom the member wishes as a write-in as opposed to nominees and that such write-ins shall be counted provided the written name is legible and the ballot is otherwise consistent with this Constitution and the By-Laws of the organization. Election shall be by closed ballot. Each Individual Membership at least age nineteen (19) by January 1st of the current year and in good standing shall have the privilege of casting one (1) vote for each office. Each Family Membership shall have the privilege of casting one (1) vote for each office, of which the vote must be cast by a person at least nineteen (19) years old as of January 1st of the current year and in good standing. The nominee receiving the majority of the votes cast for each position will be deemed to have been elected. All officers must be members in good standing of the PtHA of NYS by January 1st of the year(s) in which he/she shall serve and the PtHA of America by March 1st of the year in which he/she shall serve. Failure to comply will result in the immediate removal from office.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CONST V Section I Qualifications and Term of Service

The Board of Directors shall consist of two (2) directors per twenty-five (25) voting memberships with a minimum of four (4) directors to be elected from the membership. A Director must be at least nineteen (19) years old as of January 1st of the current year and must have been a paid-up member as of June 1st of the current year and be a member in good standing. The Board of Directors shall be elected for two (2) year terms. One half of the Board of Directors shall be replaced in each annual election cycle. Nominations for Directors will close at the October General Membership Meeting and ballots shall be counted and announced at the November General Membership Meeting or at the Annual Awards Banquet. There shall be no term limits on the number of consecutive terms a Board of Director member may serve.

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Elections shall be by online balloting (preferred) or by closed written ballot (if online balloting is not feasible). Each Individual Membership nineteen (19) years of age and older by January 1st of the current year and in good standing shall have the privilege of casting one (1) vote for each Directorship. Each Family Membership shall have the privilege of casting one (1) vote for each Directorship, of which the vote must be cast by a person at least nineteen (19) years old as of January 1st of the current year and in good standing. The nominee receiving the majority of votes cast per each Directorship shall be deemed to have been elected. In the event there are no nominations for the director positions and the existing directors wish to remain in office, an election must be held due to the “write-in” requirement for officers and directors. All Board of Director members must be members in good standing of the PtHA of NYS by January 1st of the year(s) in which he/she shall serve and the PtHA of America by March 1st of the year in which he/she shall serve. Failure to comply will result in the immediate removal from office.

CONST V Section III Immediate Past-President and Immediate Past Vice-President

The Immediate Past-President and the Immediate Past Vice-President shall automatically sit on the Board of Directors in an advisory capacity and shall have full voting privileges as the regularly elected members of the Board of Directors. They must be members in good standing for the year(s) they serve in this capacity.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors, together with the elected Officers and the immediate Past-President and the immediate Past Vice-President, shall comprise the Executive Committee and shall be responsible for the routine administrative management of the organization. The Executive Committee shall elect a Chairman of the Board who shall conduct all Board of Director Meetings and shall vote only to break a tie. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President or Chairman of the Board or upon demand of two (2) or more members of the Executive Committee.

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ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendment(s) to this Constitution may be submitted by any member in good standing at any regular meeting of the organization. After such notice, it shall be read and discussed. A written notice shall then be sent to all members in good standing before the next regular meeting. At the next regular meeting, the proposed amendment(s) will be voted upon and shall become part of the Constitution only if approved by two-thirds (2/3rd) of the eligible voting members present. Any approved amendments to the Constitution shall become effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

ARTICLE VIII EXCEPTIONS

Article I and Article II of this Constitution MAY NOT be amended or altered in any form or manner by this local affiliated association.

Attested to this date: January 12, 1975

REVISED 1978	Albert Truman Robert Baker Ralph B. Surdam
REVISED 1987	Eddie Rounds Charlie Bender Ned Snyder Bill Sweeting
REVISED 1992	Kathy McCullough Eddie Rounds Sharon Richards
REVISED 1996	Ken Cobb Jeff Fitzpatrick Eddie Rounds (for Dee Rounds)
REVISED 2001	Kathy McCullough Eddie Rounds Jeff Fitzpatrick
REVISED 2005	Kathy McCullough Joy Bartlett
REVISED 2010	Kathy McCullough Priscilla Nisiewicz Kelly Obermiller
REVISED 2013	Mark Blum Ron Orman Mark Reeves
REVISED 2016	Mark Blum Ron Orman Kathy McCullough

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