

Harmony Riders Association Inc.
104 Shetler Road
Parish, NY 13131

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Membership Policy

The Membership Policy is intended to give a more “in depth” clarification of membership as defined in the By Laws. It may not supersede or conflict with said By Laws, but may contain additional descriptions, rules, and formats pertaining to membership and membership levels.

Membership in the Corporation shall be limited to those persons owning or leasing at least one horse or pony at the time of application. Application for membership shall be free of discrimination due to race, color, and religion. The Board of Directors reserves the right to deny temporary membership for reasons of just cause.

Membership in the corporation is subject to provisions of our liability insurance policy. The complete policy can be reviewed upon request. The following excerpt from endorsement is included:

- Exclusion – medical payments to members (horseback riding clubs). Commercial General Liability Coverage Part:
 - With respect to the operation of any horseback riding club by you or on your behalf the following exclusion is added to Coverage C (section I):
 - We will not pay expenses for “bodily injury” to any member.

There are three levels of membership. They are; Temporary, Permanent, and Lifetime.

Temporary Membership:

Upon completion of application procedure, applicant becomes a temporary member and will be given a membership card. Membership card must be carried at all times when on the grounds. Failure to produce membership card if requested could result in being asked to leave the grounds.

Temporary members have certain rights. They are allowed to participate in club events. They are allowed access to the common club grounds such as use of the barns, riding arenas, trails, etc. They are allowed to serve on committees, participate in work sessions, and attend meetings.

They also have certain restrictions as follows:

- They will not be allowed private use of the clubhouse.
- They will not be allowed to apply for a private member area.
- They will not be allowed to vote.
- They will not be allowed to hold office.
- They will not be allowed to use certain equipment such as the tractor, mower, and other power equipment without approval.
- They will not be allowed access to the “member’s only” website.

Temporary members must also follow all Ground Rules, Barn Rules, and Special Event Rules. They are subject to all By Laws and policies.

When applying for membership, applicant will choose from one of two temporary membership levels.

Class 1:

- A temporary member with intent to become a permanent member after 1 year probationary period.
- Application fee of \$40.00 plus \$5.00 initiation fee for a single membership, \$45.00 plus \$5.00 initiation fee for a family membership.
- The year probationary period begins upon date of application and is reviewed by the Board of Directors at the closest scheduled BOD meeting following the completion of time period.
- Class 1 members will be required to show active participation in the club in order to be voted in as a permanent member following the probation period.

Class 2:

- A temporary member not intending to become a permanent member.
- Application fee of \$20.00 for either single or family membership.
- Class 2 applications will be taken beginning May 1st with membership ending October 1st regardless of join date.
- There are no active participation requirements at this level.
- Class 2 memberships do not count toward Lifetime Membership.
- Class 2 members will be given the opportunity to upgrade to a Class 1 membership if they do so on or before October 1st. They will pay the balance of the application fee for that level and probation year will begin on the original date of joining. All requirements of Class 1 will apply.

Permanent Membership:

Permanent Membership is granted upon acceptance of the temporary member by the Board of Directors following the year probation period.

Permanent members remain in good standing upon payment of scheduled membership dues as provided in Article II, Section 3 of the By Laws.

Permanent members are granted all benefits as given by the By Laws and Policies and are subject to all rules, and procedures within.

Lifetime Membership:

Lifetime Membership will be bestowed on the following basis:

- When a permanent family member or permanent single member becomes age 65 and has 15 years of continuous membership.
- When a permanent family member or permanent single member has 25 years of continuous membership.

Lifetime members remain as permanent members with the exception that they are no longer required to pay dues.

Harmony Riders Association Inc. Membership Application
Class 1

In completing the following application, I understand that:

- Upon completion of application procedure, I will become a Class 1 (single or family) temporary member.
- I will be given a membership card, which must be carried at all times when on the grounds.
- I have certain rights and restrictions as outlined in the Membership Policy. Membership Policy is available for review upon request or download from the website.
- I enter into a one year probationary period during which time I will be required to show active participation in the club in order to be accepted as a permanent member.
 - Active participation examples would include – attending meetings, involvement in work sessions, special event help (ring crew, secretary stand, kitchen, etc.), and serving on committees.
- I will receive written notice of acceptance or rejection of permanent membership, from the recording secretary, following the year probationary period.
- I must own or lease at least one horse or pony. Copy of current Negative Coggins and Rabies Certificate must accompany application.
- Dues and initiation fees must accompany application.

Application fee: (check box)

- Single membership: \$40.00 dues plus \$5.00 initiation fee = \$45.00
- Family membership: \$45.00 dues plus \$5.00 initiation fee = \$50.00

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ E mail: _____

Family membership only list names of: (use back of form if more room is needed)

Spouse: _____

Children under 18: _____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

How many horses do you own or lease? _____ Breed(s): _____

What types of horse activities do you enjoy or participate in? _____

Signed: _____
(Applicant) (Date)

Signed: _____
(Harmony Representative) (Date)

Harmony Riders Association Inc. Membership Application
Class 2

In completing the following application, I understand that:

- Upon completion of application procedure, I will become a Class 2 (single or family) temporary member.
- I will be given a membership card, which must be carried at all times when on the grounds.
- I have certain rights and restrictions as outlined in the Membership Policy. Membership Policy is available for review upon request or download from the website.
- Class 2 temporary membership applications will be accepted beginning May 1st and membership ends on October 1st regardless of joining date.
- I may upgrade my membership to a Class 1 on or before October 1st. I understand I must pay the balance of the application fees and all Class 1 requirements then apply. The date of my probationary period will begin on original date of joining.
- I must own or lease at least one horse or pony. Copy of current Negative Coggins and Rabies Certificate must accompany application.
- Dues and initiation fees must accompany application.

Application fee: (check box)

- Single membership: \$20.00
- Family membership: \$20.00

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ E mail: _____

Family membership only list names of: (use back of form if more room is needed)

Spouse: _____

Children under 18: _____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

How many horses do you own or lease? _____ Breed(s): _____

Signed: _____
(Applicant) (Date)

Signed: _____
(Harmony Representative) (Date)