

**AMERICAN BASHKIR CURLY REGISTRY
BY LAWS
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**ARTICLE I
TITLE, OBJECT, AND PLACE OF BUSINESS**

SECTION 1.

The name of this association shall be the AMERICAN BASHKIR CURLY REGISTRY. It shall, at all times, be conducted as a nonprofit organization according to the laws of the State of Nevada in which State it was incorporated August 12, 1972.

SECTION 2.

This organization shall proceed as a closed Registry. The Registry's purposes shall be to: issue certificates of registration, track pedigrees, preserve and propagate Curly to Curly breeding to obtain genetic stability, and promote through competition and other horse related activities, public understanding of this unique breed.

SECTION 3.

The principle place of business for the American Bashkir Curly Registry shall be any state of the United States where business may be conducted that is efficient to the operations of the Registry.

**ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1-Classification of Membership

- a. Individual Senior Membership - any person the age of 18 or older. Senior members are eligible to hold office, serve on committees and vote on Registry business. They are also eligible for scholarship and award programs.
- b. Individual Junior Membership - any person under the age of 18. Junior members are eligible for scholarship and award programs, and attend general business meetings of the Registry. They are not eligible to vote or hold office.
- c. Family Membership – any Family unit consisting up to 2 adults and their children under the age of 18. Adult members have the same rights and privileges of the Individual Senior member. Children are junior members and therefore have the same rights and privileges of the Individual Junior member.
- d. Life Membership – any Senior member who paid a one-time fee as prescribed by the Board of Trustees at the time of membership. Life members have all the rights and privileges of a Senior member.
- e. Breeder Membership – any Senior member who is also a licensed breeder. They shall have all the rights and privileges of a Senior member.

Section 2 – Eligibility for Membership

Eligibility for membership is contingent upon receipt of the appropriate fees by the Official office of the American Bashkir Curly Registry and as prescribed by the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees.

Section 3 – Administration

- a. The amount of dues shall be set for each membership classification by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

b. Dues are payable on January 1 of each year. Dues paid by new members after October 1 shall be good through the following year.

New b. Membership is for 12 months and renewable in the month of the prior year's payment.

- c. Membership cards are non-transferable and shall carry the signature of the Officer or Officers as designated by the Board of Trustees. It may bear the Registry Seal or a facsimile thereof.

Section 4 - Termination of Membership

- a. Failure to pay dues shall result in the termination of membership. Members terminated for non-payment of dues shall be reinstated by paying dues for the current year.
- b. Loss of good standing occurs when a member has not fulfilled the financial obligations of membership or has other outstanding debts to the Corporation.
- c. Members may be expelled or suspended by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Trustees for violations of the Bylaws, or the Rules and Regulations, or for conduct found to be improper or detrimental to the welfare, reputation or interest of the American Bashkir Curly Registry. No member shall be disciplined without 30 days written notice of the charges and the opportunity to submit a written rebuttal to the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE III MEETINGS

SECTION 1- Regular Meetings

- a. There will be one regular meeting of the Membership each year.
- b. The Annual convention of the Registry shall be held every other year. Written notice stating the place, day(s) and hour(s) of the meeting shall be given by mail at least thirty days (30) prior to the date of the meeting. The Notice shall be mailed to each member and officer at his/her address recorded on the records of the Registry, or at such other address which the member or officer may have furnished in writing to the Secretary of Registry.
- c. The location of the next Annual Convention shall be approximately one year in advance.
- d. At each Annual Meeting of the Members, the Board of Trustees shall present an Annual Report. This report shall be filed with the records of the Registry and entered in the minutes of the proceedings of each Annual Meeting.
- e. Meetings of the members shall be presided over by the following Trustees in order of seniority – the President and Vice-President or if none of the foregoing is in office or present at the meeting, a Chairman shall be chosen by a majority of the members in attendance. The Secretary of the Registry shall act as Secretary of every meeting. When the Secretary is not available, the President, Vice-President, or Chairman may appoint a Secretary of the meeting.
- f. A Quorum will consist of those members present at any annual or special meeting of the members, except as otherwise provided in the bylaws or by the laws of the state of Nevada. A majority vote of the quorum present is required for any membership action.
- g. The order of business at all meetings of the members shall be as follows:
 - Roll call
 - Reports of standing committees
 - Offices' reports
 - Old Business
 - New Business

SECTION 2-Special Meetings

- a. Any meeting of the Members may be held at such place as the Board of Trustees of the Registry may from time to time fix.
- b. Notice for a Special Meeting of the members shall be given by mail at least thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting to each member and Board of Trustee at his/her address as recorded on the records of the Registry or at such other address which the member or officer may have furnished in writing to the Secretary of Registry.
- c. Notices of a Special Meeting of the members shall state the purpose or purposes for which the meeting was called. At any Special meeting, only the business stated in the Notice of Meeting maybe transacted.
- d. Special Meeting(s) of the Members may be called by the Board of Trustees or by an officer of the Registry instructed to do so by the Board of Trustees, except to the extent that Trustees may be required by law to call a meeting, and shall be called by the Secretary on the behalf of the members, when required to do so by law.

ARTICLE IV
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SECTION 1.

The Board of Trustees shall supervise the finances *and* administration of the Registry as provided in the Articles of Incorporation.

SECTION 2.

- a. To be elected or appointed as Trustee, candidates must be a senior member or its equivalent and a current member in good standing of the Registry.
- b. Candidates must not be the spouse or the child of a current Trustee.
- c. Trustees are divided into two (2) categories; At-Large Trustees and District Trustees.
- d. The twelve (12) member Board shall be divided into nine (9) district representatives and three (3) at-large representatives. There are three (3) District Trustees and one (1) At-Large Trustee elected each year.

SECTION 3- Districts of the Registry

- 1. District 1- CA, NV, HI, UT, AZ
- 2. District 2- WA, OR, ID, MT, WY, CO
- 3. District 3- NM, TX, AR, LA, OK
- 4. District 4- ND, SD, NE, KS, MN, IA, MO
- 5. District 5- WI, MI IL IN, OH,
- 6. District 6- CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI , VT
- 7. District 7- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
- 8. District 8- AK, CANADA
- 9. District 9- EUROPE, AUSTRALIA & REMAINING CONTINENTS

SECTION 4.

A President and Vice President shall be elected from the Board by the Board and shall serve one year.

SECTION 5.

The Board of Trustees shall appoint the Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and the Editor of the *Curly Cues*.

SECTION 6.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees will consist of the President, Vice-President and the Secretary. Their purpose, as directed by the Board of Trustees, will be running the general business of the Registry. The Executive Committee will act in accordance with Article VII of the By-laws and Rules & Regulations, Section 1.

SECTION 7.-Obligation of Trustees

a. Trustees must attend all of the Annual Conventions. A Trustee who is unable to attend a convention must notify the Registry's secretary in writing prior to the start of the convention as to why he/she is unable to attend. The Registry secretary will read all regrets after the roll call is taken at the first general board meeting. Failure to notify the Board of a planned convention absence can result in the resignation of the Trustee.

b. Trustees are the elected representative of the District members. As an elected official, they are responsible to perform the duties as outlined in the Registry Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations.

c. A Trustee who fails to participate in the general business of the registry will be in dereliction of their duties and thereby resigns the position.

d. Dereliction of duties include but is not limited to; not voting on board business, not responding to membership or board correspondence, not filing annual reports to the membership, and not attending meetings of the Board of Trustees.

1. At-large Trustees:

a. Must chair at least one (1) official ABC committee.

b. Act as watchdogs for national laws affecting ABC Horses.

2. District Trustees

a. Must participate in one (1) or more official ABC committee.

b. Must try to resolve any problems within their district before involving the Registry and / or Board of Trustees.

c) Act as watchdogs for local/state laws affecting ABC Horses.

SECTION 8-Vacancies of the Board of Trustees

By majority vote, the Board of Trustees may appoint a current member in good standing to any vacant position, provided the person meets the requirements of Article IV, Section 2. If no member runs for a District Trustee position, the Board may appoint another member, who may not be a legal resident from that District. The person appointed will serve the full three (3) year term.

SECTION 9-Quorums

A quorum will consist of one member over fifty (50) percent of the existing Board of Trustees. Except as otherwise provided in the By-laws or by the laws of the state of Nevada. A majority vote of the quorum present is required for all board action.

SECTION 10-Meetings

a) A regular Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held during the Annual Convention of Members. All other meetings shall be held at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees from time to time.

b) No notice shall be required for a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for which the time and place have been fixed. Special meetings may be called at the direction of the President, Vice-President, or by a majority of the Trustees then in office.

c) Written, oral, or any other method of notice of the time and place shall be given for special meeting(s) of the Board of Trustees in sufficient time for the convenient assembly of the Board of Trustees. The notice of any meeting shall generally state the purpose of the meeting, but shall not be construed to limit the business conducted at such meeting.

d) The President of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees. If the President is absent the Vice-President shall preside over the meeting. If both the President and/or Vice-President are absent the Trustees shall appoint a Chairman to direct the meeting.

**ARTICLE V
ELECTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Section 1.

Qualified members running for Board of Trustee by District or At-Large position(s) must submit a document as identified in the 'Rules and Regulations to the Registry no later than April 15 of the year in which they are running for the position.

Section 2.

All qualified members names will be placed on the election ballot for the current Board of Trustees position and the ballots will be mailed out to the general membership at least (30) thirty days prior to the annual convention. Ballots shall be accepted at the annual convention prior to the counting of the ballots.

Section 3.

If any candidate for the Board of Trustee is running unopposed his/her name shall not be placed on a ballot. A vote of acclamation will be held at the Annual Meeting of the Members at the annual convention.

Section 4.

The new Trustee(s) shall be seated on the Board of Trustees after all old business of the last Board meeting is finished and the Board meeting is adjourned. The President shall convene a new Board meeting and the new Trustee(s) shall be seated on the Board of Trustees and this Board shall elect the new officers of the American Bashkir Curly Registry. Except wherein provided, the President may seat the new Trustee(s) prior to the roll call of the Board of Trustees at the annual meeting of the Board.

Section 5.

The President will select the Ballot Committee at the annual convention and meeting of the members. The Ballot Committee will count the sealed ballots returned to the Registry. Members running for the Board may not be assigned to the ballot counting committee.

ARTICLE VI

EXPULSION/RESIGNATION

Section 1.

A member of the Board of Trustees may be expelled by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees for improper conduct or actions deemed detrimental to the Registry and/or welfare of the horses.

Section 2.

A Trustee may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Trustees or to an officer of the Registry. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, the resignation shall take effect upon receipt thereof by the Board of Trustees or such officer. Acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 3.

A member of the Board of Trustees may not serve concurrently as a Director, Trustee, Officer, or Committee Chairperson for any other Organization that registers horses. This is a conflict of interest and therefore the Trustee must resign from the Office that he/she holds with the other Organization or resign from the Board of Trustees of the American Bashkir Curly Registry within thirty (30) days of taking office.

a. The American Bashkir Curly Registry must receive proof of resignation from the President/Board of Directors of the Organization.

b. If the Trustee of the American Bashkir Curly Registry does not resign from either Board, the President of the American Bashkir Curly Registry can remove he/she as Trustee of the American Bashkir Curly Registry.

**ARTICLE VII
RECALL OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Any member or members may request the recall of his or her Trustee for just cause by submitting a written statement/petition outlining the alleged infraction(s) to the Executive Committee of the Registry. A 2/3-majority vote of the ballots returned is required to recall a Trustee.

**ARTICLE VIII
OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

SECTION 1.

The Officers of the Registry shall be; President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar.

SECTION 2.

The By-laws and Rules & Regulations shall govern the Terms of the Board of Trustees and Officers.

SECTION 3-President:

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Registry, and shall preside at the annual membership meeting. He/she shall see that the by-laws and Rules and Regulations of the Registry are enforced and shall perform all other such duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the society.

SECTION 4.-Vice President:

The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the President, and other such duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the society.

SECTION 5-Secretary:

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Board of Trustees and the minutes of the membership meetings and other such duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the society.

SECTION 6-Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse funds for the Registry as directed by the Board of Trustees and Finance Chairman and other duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the society.

SECTION 7-Registrar

The Registrar shall accurately record and issue all registration certificates, transfers, and perform other duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the Board of Trustees.

**ARTICLE IX
PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern this society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws or rules and regulations of this Registry.

**ARTICLE X
AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

SECTION 1

Notification of amendments to these Bylaws will be presented to the members in attendance at the Annual meeting of the membership and mailed to the entire membership after the convention for vote. These Bylaws maybe amended by a two third vote of the ballots returned.

SECTION 2. The Board of Trustees has the power to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Registry by a vote of the Board at any meeting of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XI

INDEMNIFICATION

The Registry shall indemnify and hold harmless any Trustee, Officer, Committee Member, employee of Registry and agent, their personal representatives, and his/her heirs against judgments in connections with or arising out of any action, suit or proceeding to which he/she may be a party by reason of being or have been a Trustee, Officer, Committee Member or employee of Registry.