

AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF  
**NORTH AMERICAN SIX-HORSE HITCH CLASSIC SERIES, INC.**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series, Inc. (NASHHCS).

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

Section 1: The purpose of the North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series, Inc. (the “Association” or “NASHHCS”) is as follows:

1. To educate audiences, both in person and online, about draft horses, their abilities, and their modern uses.
2. To promote public interest in draft horses.
3. To promote improvement in breeding, showing, and marketing.
4. To provide facilities for meetings to exchange ideas between breeders, exhibitors and marketers. To promote and manage exhibits, work in harmony with other horse or livestock associations, to promote the competition and showing of six-horse hitches, carts, halter and riding. As well as providing any other means for carrying out the purpose of this association including conducting a Classic Series Finals competition to determine an annual Champion.
5. The North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series is organized exclusively for educational purposes including for such purposes of qualifying as an exempt organization described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: **Eligibility.** Membership in this organization may be held by any individual, firm, or partnership who is interested in the promotion of the draft horse and the competitive showing of draft horses. Acceptance in the Association may be determined by the Board of Directors upon application.

Section 2: **Designation of Voting Member.** Every membership shall be entitled to one vote on any matter put to vote by the Association and the general membership, in his/her application, shall designate the name of the individual who shall exercise the vote on behalf of the membership. This designation shall be made annually upon payment of the dues as set forth herein. Youth members are not entitled to vote on matters put to vote by the Association.

Section 3: **Fees and Dues.** The membership year will run concurrently with the NASHHCS points year, beginning the first Tuesday after Labor Day and running through Labor Day of the current NASHHCS year. Annual fees and dues shall be fixed and determined by the Board of Directors of the Association. Any modifications to the dues must coincide with the membership year. In addition to the General Membership dues members must pay individual dues for each division of the NASHHCS they compete in. Classic Halter Series and Classic Riding Series classes do not require a paid membership to participate; however, no points will be awarded until the membership dues are paid. Youth Cart and 18 and Under Classic Riding Series do not require a paid registration to compete; however, they must be registered to receive points. The annual general membership dues for the competitive year are due the first Tuesday after Labor Day. In order for an exhibitor to participate in a NASHHCS registered class, they must be a PAID member of the NASHHCS. A membership that is not paid by January 1 of the current NASHHCS year will be considered late. A late fee equal to two times the current membership dues

and division dues will be applied. A member will only be awarded qualifying points for the NASHHCS Finals for any NASHHCS class that they exhibit in AFTER their membership, and late fees if applicable, are paid in full.

**Section 4: Termination.** Membership in this Association shall terminate when a member fails to pay annual membership dues or any fees fixed by the Board of Directors. Further, any member disturbing the harmony of the Association may have his/her membership suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors after thorough investigation, and his/her membership may be revoked, and thereby terminated by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Association present at any annual or special meeting. Further, in the event any member fails to pay annual dues for three (3) consecutive years, said member cannot be reinstated unless the annual and current fees are both paid.

#### **ARTICLE IV – CALENDAR YEAR AND MEETING**

**Section 1: Calendar Year.** The calendar year of the Association shall commence on the first Tuesday after U.S. Labor Day and end on the following U.S. Labor Day of the year in competition. The membership calendar will align with and be concurrent with the points year. Notwithstanding the above, the Board of Directors has the authority to adjust the calendar year in order to accommodate a greater number of member shows bidding on and hosting a Classic Series Finals. Members of the Association will be notified of any adjustment to the calendar year.

**Section 2: Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting of the members of the Association shall be held at the location of the Classic Series Finals for the North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors with due notice to the membership.

**Section 3: Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the President, or by a majority of the Board of Directors, or by Petition of a majority of the active members of the Association.

**Section 4: Notice of Meetings.** Notice of all meetings and agenda shall be provided to each member at least ten (10) days prior to said meeting.

**Section 5: Voting.** Each paid member, or its designee, shall be entitled to one (1) vote on all business presented for consideration by the Board of Directors. Youth members are not entitled to vote on matters put to vote by the Association.

**Section 6: Quorum.** The paid members of any regularly called meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**Section 7: Order of Business.** The order of business at the annual meeting shall be as follows:

1. Call to order.
2. Proof of due notice of meeting.
3. Reading and disposal of minutes.
4. Report and disposal of Financial Statement(s).
5. Report of Officers.
6. Report of Committees.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. New Business.
9. Nomination of Director Candidates.
10. Adjournment.

**Section 8: Meeting Minutes and Financial Report.** A written copy of the meeting minutes and Treasurer's report shall be sent or made available to each paid member within a reasonable time following all general membership meetings.

## **ARTICLE V – DIRECTORS**

**Section 1: Number and Qualifications of Directors.** The business of the Association shall be controlled by a Board of Directors consisting of five (5) members, each of whom shall be a member of the Association. The Board shall be elected by a majority vote of the respective voting members.

**Section 2: Election of Directors.** The Board of Directors shall designate annually three (3) active members to serve as a Nominating Committee, who shall solicit members respectively for the slate of candidates for the election of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall insure that at least one (1) Director is from the United States and at least one (1) Director is from Canada for the representation on the board at all times. The remaining directors may be selected based upon the highest remaining ballot count.

The election process shall be conducted as follows:

1. At the Annual Meeting the nominees for Directors will be accepted and Director voting shall be completed by the general membership within 60 days of the Annual Meeting.
2. All paid members will receive by mail or electronic mail the nominations for the Directors and a short biography of each candidate, along with a ballot.
3. The member shall review the candidates, vote on the ballot and place it in a small envelope (which will be included), and seal it or will vote online/electronically via dedicated voting software.
4. The Executive Secretary is responsible for tallying all ballots and reporting the final results to the President.
5. No officer or director shall have access to the returned ballots.

**Section 3: Terms of Directors.** Each Director shall be eligible for two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms and then must be off the board for at least one (1) year before being eligible for re-election to the Board.

**Section 4: Board Meetings.** Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at such time and place as may be fixed by the Board.

**Section 5: Voting.** Each Director shall be entitled to only one (1) vote on any question.

**Section 6: Quorum.** Three (3) of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 7: Removal of Director.** Any Director failing to attend two (2) consecutive annual meetings of the membership shall be considered as having vacated his/her office and shall automatically be removed from the Board of Directors unless such absence is caused by illness of such Director, serious illness in his/her immediate family, or an acceptable excuse is furnished to the Board of Directors. Where a vacancy exists, or is created on the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors, by majority vote, shall appoint a Director to serve until such time as a successor is elected.

**Section 8: Compensation.** The members of the Board of Directors shall receive no compensation for their services as such. Directors may be reimbursed for actual expenditures when approved by the Board.

## **ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS**

**Section 1:** The Board of Directors shall reorganize within seventy (70) days after the Annual Meeting and shall elect one (1) person for each of the following offices to serve for a term of one (1) year.

**President:** The President shall be chief executive officer of the Association, preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and the executive committee, perform duties incidental to such office for the best interest of the Association. He/she shall be an ex-officio member of all other committees.

**Vice President:** The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in case of his/her absence or inability to perform.

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors and shall preserve in the books of the Association minutes of the proceedings of all meetings. The Secretary shall give all notices required by law, by these bylaws or resolution and shall perform any other duties as may be delegated by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall also keep a list of all paid members of the Association and their voting designees. The Secretary can appoint an Executive Secretary, upon approval of the Board of Directors, to help with the business activities of the NASHHCS. The Executive Secretary can be a paid position upon approval by the Board of Directors. The Executive Secretary does not have to be a member of the Board of Directors and if the Executive Secretary is not a member of the Board of Directors, then he/she shall have no voting privileges.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall keep or cause to be kept full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements of the Association. The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all funds and securities of the Association and shall deposit or cause to be deposited said funds in the name and to the credit of the Association in such bank accounts at such depositories as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine. The Board of Directors can appoint a Financial Director to help with the business activities of the Treasurer. The Financial Director can be a paid position upon approval by the Board of Directors. The Financial Director does not have to be a paid member of the NASHHCS. The Treasurer and/or Financial Director shall also regularly report to the Board of Directors and membership the financial condition of the Association. The Treasurer and/or Financial Director shall also disburse funds of the Association as ordered by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for said disbursements.

**Section 2: Vacancies:** In the event of death or permanent disability of any officer, the Board of Directors shall declare the office vacant and appoint a successor.

## **ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES**

**Section 1: Executive Committee.** The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, elect from its own members an Executive Committee consisting of three (3) members. The Executive committee shall have such powers and duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board and these duties and powers may be all of the duties and powers of the said Board, subject to the general direction, approval and control of the board. Copies of the minutes of any meeting of the Executive Committee shall be mailed to all Board members within ten (10) days following such meeting.

**Section 2: Other Committees.** The Board of Directors shall establish other committees as they may deem advisable relative to the various interests and activities through which the general welfare of the Association will be promoted; determine the tenure of such committees and their powers and duties. A Director shall sit on each

appointed committee as Chairperson. Each committee shall select one (1) person to serve as Secretary of the committee. The Secretary shall maintain accurate records and minutes of each meeting of said committee and shall provide a written copy of committee meeting minutes to the Board of Directors for permanent record.

Section 3: **Quorum.** A majority of the members of all committees shall constitute, respectively, a quorum to transact business.

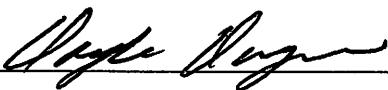
## ARTICLE VIII – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1: **Bylaws.** These Bylaws shall be considered adopted nunc pro tunc as Amended and Restated Bylaws and they shall be duplicated and a copy made available to each member.

Section 2: **Amendments.** Provided that notice of such proposed amendment is included in notice of said meeting, these bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the members of the Association by two-thirds (2/3) of the active members present.

Section 3: **Dissolution.** In the event of dissolution of this entity, any remaining assets will be distributed to one or more 501(c) (3) entities with similar educational interests.

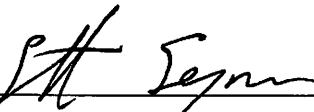
The following, being duly authorized hereby set their hands and seals as follows:



Doyle Dingman, President

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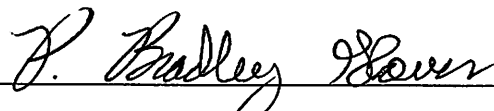
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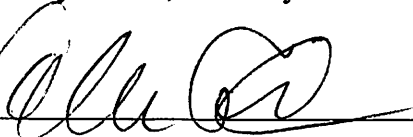
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Bradley Glover, Secretary

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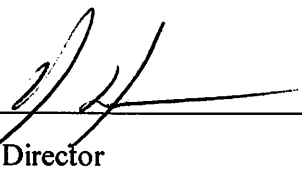
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Colleen Coleman, Treasurer

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Ray Houston, Director

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Date

## **APPENDIX A – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

The following guiding practices must be read in conjunction with the North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series (NASHHCS) Bylaws. These practices do not supersede the bylaws but are designed as supplemental guidelines to provide clarity and direction for NASHHCS shows and competitions.

Every eventuality cannot be addressed in this document. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the NASHHCS Board of Directors to decide in a sporting spirit that aligns as closely as possible with the intent of these rules. Any changes to these policies and procedures are the responsibility of the Board of Directors and require a majority vote.

### **PART 1 - MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP DUES**

#### **PART 1.1 - General Membership**

- a. Annual general membership dues of fifty dollars (\$50.00) are required to become a member of the NASHHCS and participate in any NASHHCS Division.
- b. Any dues required to compete in any division of the NASHHCS are in addition to the general membership dues.
- c. The membership year will run concurrently with the NASHHCS points year, beginning on the first Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through Labor Day of the current NASHHCS year.
- d. Membership that is not paid by January 1 of the current NASHHCS year will be considered late. A late fee equal to two times the current membership dues will be applied to the NASHHCS membership and any division in which the member desires to compete. A member will be awarded qualifying points only after their membership dues and any applicable late fees are paid in full.
- e. NASHHCS membership entitles a member to vote on any matter that comes before the NASHHCS and to enjoy the sponsored merchandise discounts offered to the membership.
- f. No points will be awarded in any division until all dues and/or late fees are paid in full.

#### **PART 1.2 - Division Membership**

- a. Six-Horse Hitch Division  
Annual dues of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), in addition to the general membership dues, are required to compete in the Six-Horse Hitch Division of the NASHHCS. Said dues must be paid prior to competing in any Six-Horse Hitch class. Members of the Six-Horse Hitch Division are the only members entitled to nominate and vote on the Six-Horse Hitch and Classic Cart judges for the Classic Series Finals.
- b. Classic Cart Division  
Annual dues of fifty dollars (\$50.00), in addition to the general membership dues, are required to compete in the Classic Cart Division of the NASHHCS. Said dues must be paid prior to competing in any Classic Cart class.
- c. Classic Halter Division  
Annual dues of fifty dollars (\$50.00), in addition to the general membership dues, are required to compete for points in any Classic Halter class. Non-members may compete, but no points will be

awarded. Members of the Classic Halter are the only members entitled to nominate and vote on the Classic Halter Division judges for the Classic Series Finals.

d. Classic Riding Division

Annual dues of fifty dollars (\$50.00), in addition to the general membership dues, are required to compete for points in any Classic Riding class. Non-members may compete, but no points will be awarded. Members of the Classic Riding Division are the only members entitled to nominate and vote on the Classic Riding judges for the Classic Series Finals.

e. Youth Classic Riding Division

A one-time (youth lifetime) registration and fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) is required before any points are awarded to the exhibitor. Non-members may compete, but no points will be awarded. The Youth Classic Riding Division points will be tracked 18 and Under.

f. Youth Cart Division

A one-time (youth lifetime) registration and fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) is required before any points are awarded to the exhibitor. Non-members may compete, but no points will be awarded. Points will be tracked based on age divisions (Peewee: up to 8 years old; Juniors: 9-14 years old; and Seniors: 15-18 years old). Ages will be determined by the member's age as of January 1 of the year of competition.

g. Youth Registration Fee

A single, one-time youth registration fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) allows you to compete in the Youth Cart and Youth Classic Riding Divisions.

## **PART 2 – ORGANIZATION OF EVENTS**

### **PART 2.1 – Six-Horse Hitch**

a. Qualification to Compete

1. You must be a paid member in good standing in the points year of competition to compete in a Six-Horse Hitch class.
2. No points will be awarded prior to the membership being paid in full.

b. Requirements to compete at the Classic Series Finals

1. Must be a current paid member in good standing of the NASHHCS.
2. Only one (1) hitch per membership will be allowed to participate in the Classic Series Finals.
3. Must be one of the top five (5) of his/her breed for total points in the year of competition.
4. A hitch must either accept or decline the Classic Series Finals invitation within 72 hours of direct contact by the Board of Directors. In the event a qualified hitch declines to attend, the next-highest point earner of that breed will be invited, and so on, with the goal of having fifteen (15) hitches compete in the Classic Series Finals: five (5) from each breed (Belgian, Percheron, and Clydesdale/Shire).
5. In the event a qualifying hitch withdraws from the Classic Series Finals after acceptance and the Board of Directors determines, by majority vote, that said withdrawal was without just cause, the Board may, by majority vote, impose a penalty not to exceed two (2) years, barring the hitch from competing in the NASHHCS Finals and forfeiting NASHHCS benefits.
6. In the event of a tie for the Classic Series Finals, a three-tier tiebreaker will be used. First, the hitches' head-to-head competition will be compared. If they did not compete head-to-head, the

hitch that competed in the fewest qualifying classes to earn its points will win the tiebreaker. If the tie is not resolved, the Board of Directors will make the final determination.

7. The owner of a qualifying hitch for the Finals must own at least four (4) of the horses hitched for the Classic Series Finals class or classes.

## **PART 2.2 - Classic Cart**

### **a. Qualifications to Compete**

1. You must be a paid member in good standing in the points year of competition to compete in a Classic Cart class.

### **b. Requirements to compete at Regional and Classic Series Finals**

1. Be a current paid member of the NASHHCS.
2. Must be in the top 10 (ten) of your predetermined region to compete in the Regional Cart Championships.
3. Must be in the top 12 (twelve) in total points within the Classic Cart Division to compete in the Classic Series Finals.
4. The NASHHCS may reduce the number of qualifiers eligible to compete at the Classic Series Finals based on the available stall space at the venue hosting the Finals.
5. A Classic Cart qualifier must either accept or decline the Classic Series Finals invitation within 72 hours of direct contact by the Board of Directors. In the event a qualifier declines to attend, the next-highest point earner will be invited, and so on, with the goal of having twelve (12) qualifiers participate in the Finals.

## **PART 2.3 - Classic Halter**

### **a. Qualifications to Compete**

1. Participation in a Classic Halter class does not require the participant to have a Classic Halter Division membership.
2. Any/all horses must be properly registered and recorded with the NASHHCS before any points are granted.
3. Points towards year end awards and qualifications for the Classic Series Finals will be awarded and tracked only for current paid Classic Halter members.

### **b. Requirements to Compete at the Classic Series Finals**

1. A Classic Halter Finals will be hosted by a venue selected by the NASHHCS BOD, which may not always coincide with the NASHHCS Finals.
2. Be a current paid member of the NASHHCS and the Classic Halter Division.
3. All qualifying horses and owners must be registered and in good standing with the Classic Halter Division.
4. The following horses will be invited to participate at the Classic Series Finals; The Belgian, Percheron, and Clydesdale breeds will each have one (1) stallion, three (3) mares and a fifth horse that has earned the highest points regardless of sex. For the Shires the top three (3) point earners regardless of sex.
5. In the event two (2) horses are tied at the conclusion of the Classic Halter year-end competition:
  - The first tiebreaker goes to the horse with the higher placings at the majority of Classic Halter shows in which both horses competed.

- The second tiebreaker goes to the horse that earned the most points by attending fewer Classic Halter shows.
  - If both tiebreakers do not determine a winner, the Classic Halter Committee will determine the invitation.
6. In the event a member declines the invitation, the invitation will be extended to the next highest point earner for each sex until all available openings are fulfilled or all members are contacted for each breed.
  7. A Classic Halter qualifier must accept or decline the Classic Series Finals invitation within 72 hours of direct contact by the Board of Directors.

## **PART 2.4 - Classic Riding and Youth Classic Riding**

- a. Qualifications to Compete
  1. Participation in Classic Riding classes at a qualifying show does not require the participant to have a Classic Riding membership.
  2. Points toward year-end awards and qualifications for the Classic Series Finals are granted only to riders with paid NASHHCS general and Classic Riding memberships.
  3. Classic Riding members will follow the existing rules and age groups established by the show when participating in classes. Regardless of the show's rules and age groups, the Classic Series will track points based on age.
- b. Requirements to Compete at the Classic Series Finals
  1. Classic Riding participation at the Classic Series Finals will consist of the top five (5) point earners in both the 19 and Over English W/T/C, 19 and Over Western W/T/L, 18 and Under English W/T and 18 and Under Western W/T.
  2. 19 and Over English and Western W/T disciplines are not eligible to compete at the Classic Series Finals.
  3. In the event a qualifier declines an invitation to participate in the Classic Series Finals, the next-highest point earner in the respective discipline will be invited to participate.
  4. A paid member is allowed to qualify for the Classic Series Finals in both disciplines if their membership indicates such.

## **PART 2.5 - Youth Cart**

- a. Qualifications to Compete
  1. Participation in the Youth Cart does not require the participant to have a Youth Cart membership. Points will be tracked only for exhibitors with a Youth Cart paid registration.
  2. Points for the Youth Classic Cart will be tracked according to these age divisions, regardless of the show rules and age groups:
    - Peewee: 8 and Under
    - Junior: 9-14
    - Senior: 15-18
  3. A Youth Cart member's age is determined as of January 1 of the competition year.
  4. Youth members will age out of the Youth Cart at the end of the competition season in which they turn 18.
- b. Requirements to Compete at the Classic Series Finals

1. The top 4 (four) Juniors and the top 4 (four) Seniors in each of the Western, Central, and Eastern regions will be eligible to compete at the Classic Series Finals.
2. Peewees (8 and Under) are not eligible to compete at the Classic Series Finals.
3. In the event an eligible participant declines, the next-highest overall point earner will become eligible (this selection is not region-specific) until 12 positions are filled.

## **PART 3 – REQUIREMENTS OF A QUALIFYING SHOW**

### **PART 3.1 Show Registration**

- a. Shows must pay a show registration fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to the NASHHCS to become a Classic Series host. Said registration fee is paid annually and allows the show to offer any or all NASHHCS Divisions (Six-Horse Hitch, Classic Cart, Classic Halter, Classic Riding, and/or Youth Cart).
- b. The show registration fee is non-refundable for any reason.
- c. Shows must be registered by the seasonal quarterly deadlines as follows:
  1. Shows to be held between December 1st and February 28th: The show must register with the NASHHCS by November 15th prior to the show being held.
  2. Shows to be held between March 1st and May 31st: The show must register with the NASHHCS by February 15th prior to the show being held.
  3. Shows to be held between June 1st and Labor Day: The show must register with the NASHHCS by May 15th prior to the show being held.
  4. Shows to be held between September (the first Tuesday after Labor Day) and November 30th: The show must register with the NASHHCS by August 15th prior to the show being held.
- d. In the event a show registers past the deadline, a late fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) will be assessed in addition to the required show registration fee. No registration will be allowed less than 14 (fourteen) days prior to the beginning of any show.
- e. A properly registered show may modify its class registration up to 14 (fourteen) days prior to the beginning of the show.
- f. Shows new to the NASHHCS will be required to meet the deadlines.
- g. All shows must register the points classes and payouts they have scheduled to hold.
- h. A show with a NASHHCS class or classes that do not meet all the requirements listed above may be suspended for a period to be determined by the Board of Directors.

### **PART 3.2 Six-Horse Hitch Show Requirements**

- a. Any hitch showing in a Six-Horse Hitch class must be a paid member of NASHHCS. It is the responsibility of the respective shows to verify said membership.
- b. Any show hosting a single (1) Six-Horse Hitch class is required to register the class and pay a minimum premium of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00). This single class cannot be breed or gender specific.
- c. Shows that host multiple Six-Horse Hitch classes:
  1. A show offering any breed-specific (Belgian, Percheron, or Clydesdale/Shire) or gender-specific (mare or gelding) Six-Horse Hitch class is required to register the class and pay a minimum premium of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00).

2. A combined Six-Horse Hitch class (open to any or all breeds and sexes) must be registered and pay out a minimum premium of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for each Six-Horse Hitch class offered.
- d. The full minimum premium money must be paid completely regardless of how many hitches are in the class.
- e. The entire Six-Horse Hitch class must be placed from top to bottom.
- f. Each NASHHCS member participating in the class must, at a minimum, be hitched to a wagon, and the hitches must be in motion for the class to qualify as a points class.
- g. Only one set of points will be awarded to each Six-Horse Hitch class.
- h. No points will be awarded as the result of a random draw.
- i. At the completion of the show, the show must submit the results online through the NASHHCS website, listing the placing of every hitch in the class by its hitch, farm, or membership name or number and the premium money paid to each hitch in the class.
- j. Any show with a NASHHCS class or classes that do not meet all the requirements listed above may be suspended for a period to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- k. A Six-Horse Hitch show does not have to offer a Classic Cart, Classic Halter, Classic Riding or Youth Cart in conjunction with the Six-Horse Hitch class.
- l. The Six-Horse Hitch will follow the same competition season as all other divisions of NASHHCS, ending Labor Day.

### **PART 3.3 Classic Cart Show Requirements**

- a. Any exhibitor showing in a NASHHCS Classic Cart class must be a paid member of NASHHCS. It is the responsibility of the respective shows to verify said membership.
- b. A Classic Cart qualifying show does not have to offer a Six-Horse Hitch, Classic Halter, Classic Riding or Youth Cart in conjunction with the Classic Cart class.
- c. The show must offer a class open to all heavy draft breeds (no light drafts) and genders of horses.
- d. The show must pay a guaranteed minimum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) total payout for the class.
- e. The show must accept all entries from Classic Cart members and place the Classic Cart class in its entirety.
- f. Only one set of points will be awarded to each Classic Cart class.
- g. At the completion of the show, the show must submit the results online through the NASHHCS website, listing the placing of every cart in the class by its hitch, farm, or membership name or number and the premium money paid to each hitch in the class.
- h. The Classic Cart Division will follow the same competition season as all other divisions of NASHHCS, ending Labor Day.

### **PART 3.4 – Classic Halter Show Requirements**

- a. A Classic Halter show does not have to offer a Six-Horse Hitch, Classic Cart, Classic Riding or Youth Cart in conjunction with the Classic Halter classes.
- b. The show must accept all entries from Classic Halter members and place the Classic Series class from top to bottom, assigning a placing and points to each entry.
- c. Proof of paid membership by the exhibitor must be made to the qualifying show for the exhibitor to earn points at the show.

- d. Only one set of points will be awarded to each Classic Halter class.
- e. At the completion of the show, the show must submit the results online through the NASHHCS website, listing the placings of every exhibitor in the class by their hitch, farm, or membership name or number and the distribution of premium money.
- f. The Classic Halter show must consist of a minimum of 10 breed specific halter classes offered for each breed(s) that are being submitted. Champion classes must be held; however, champion and/or group classes do not count towards the 10-class requirement.
- g. Only one set of points will be awarded to each Classic Halter class. The entire class must be placed through 5th place.
- h. The Classic Halter will follow the same competition season as all other divisions of NASHHCS, ending Labor Day.

### **PART 3.5 Classic Riding Show Requirements**

- a. Shows must accept entries from all riding participants and place the class in its entirety, assigning a placing and points to each entry.
- b. To earn points in the Classic Riding, exhibitors must hold a NASHHCS Classic Riding membership.
- c. A Classic Riding membership is not required to participate in the class.
- d. There is no minimum payout required by the NASHHCS for Classic Riding classes.
- e. Only one set of points will be awarded to each Classic Riding class.
- f. Points are tracked based on the rider, not the horse. The same horse may be used for both disciplines and age divisions.
- g. Classes offered:
  - 1. 19 and Over English W/T/C
  - 2. 19 and Over Western W/T/L
  - 3. 19 and Over English W/T
  - 4. 19 and Over Western W/T
  - 5. 18 and Under English W/T
  - 6. 18 and Under Western W/T
- h. Helmets are recommended for anyone 18 and Under. The helmet rules of the hosting show will take precedence.
- i. Belgians, Clydesdales, Percherons, Shires and/or Spotted Drafts are permitted. Crossbreds are allowed if the rider can prove that the horse is at least 50% of one of the aforementioned breeds.
- j. Tack and attire must be appropriate for the discipline. Judges will have final discretion.
- k. Bits must follow the rules of the hosting show and the judge will have discretion.
- l. Bitless bridles are acceptable in the 19 and Over Division.
- m. Bitless bridles may be acceptable in the 18 and Under Division.
- n. For all adults (19 and Over), the following gaits will be required: walk, trot and lope/canter depending on the discipline. This includes the Classic Series Finals.
- o. 19 and Over English and Western W/T are not required to lope/canter.
- p. Presentation of the horse is at the discretion of the rider (i.e., braiding, tails, etc.).
- q. The show does not have to offer a Six-Horse Hitch, Classic Halter, Classic Cart, Youth Cart, and/or Youth Classic Riding classes to be a Classic Riding show.

- r. At the completion of the show, show management must submit the results through the NASHHCS website/show manager portal, listing every rider's placing in the class by their hitch, farm, or membership name or number.
- s. Premium payouts are optional but encouraged.
- t. Any show with a NASHHCS class or classes that do not meet all the requirements listed above may be suspended for a period to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- u. The Classic Riding Series will follow the same competition season as all other divisions of NASHHCS, ending Labor Day.
- v. The Youth Classic Riding may or may not include a Classic Series Finals event but will be presented with year-end awards.

### **PART 3.6 – Youth Cart Show Requirements**

- a. A Youth Cart show does not have to offer a Six-Horse Hitch, Classic Cart, Classic Halter or Classic Riding class in conjunction with its Youth Cart class.
- b. There is no minimum premium amount required for Youth Cart classes.
- c. Only one set of points will be awarded to each Youth Cart class.
- d. Youth Cart exhibitors are not required to be registered members of the Youth Cart Division to compete in Youth Cart classes; however, points will only be awarded to paid/registered members of the Youth Cart Division.
- e. Youth Cart members will follow the existing rules and age groups set forth by the show to participate in classes for points, including Senior (15-18), Junior (9-14), and Peewee (8 and Under).
- f. The class must be a draft breed class including Belgians, Percherons, Clydesdales/Shires/Spotted Drafts.
- g. Shows must register all Youth Cart classes with NASHHCS and list each Youth Cart class, including Senior, Junior, and/or Peewee on their registration.
- h. The show must accept all entries from Youth Cart members and place the Youth Cart class top to bottom, assigning placing and points to each entry.
- i. At the completion of the show, the show must submit results online through the NASHHCS website, listing the placing of every youth exhibitor in the class by membership name or number.
- j. The Youth Cart will follow the same competition season as all other divisions of NASHHCS, ending Labor Day.

## **PART 4 – CLASSIC SERIES DIVISION RULES**

### **PART 4.1 - Six-Horse Hitch Rules**

- a. All exhibitors in a Six-Horse Hitch class must have a Six-Horse Hitch membership prior to competing in the class.
- b. A single member number allows the member to accumulate points from only one Six-Horse Hitch.
- c. Additional Six-Horse Hitch entries require an additional general membership as well as a Six-Horse Hitch membership.
- d. Any variation from this will require a separate membership number. Any question or concern about what constitutes a hitch will be resolved by the Board of Directors.
- e. Only one set of points will be awarded to each Six-Horse Hitch.

- f. Points will be awarded only if all members participating in the class are, at a minimum, hitched to a wagon and the hitches are in motion during the class.
- g. No points will be awarded as the result of a random draw.
- h. All six (6) horses competing under a single member number in a Six-Horse Hitch class must be the same breed.
- i. Spotted Drafts will have their points included in the Clydesdale/Shire Division.
- j. The Six-Horse Hitch will run concurrently with the NASHHCS points year beginning the day after Labor Day and concluding on Labor Day of the following year.

#### **PART 4.2 Classic Cart Rules**

- a. All exhibitors in a Classic Cart class or classes must have a Classic Cart membership prior to competing in the class.
- b. A current member number allows the member to accumulate points from only one (1) Classic Cart entry.
- c. Additional Classic Cart entries require an additional general membership as well as a Classic Cart membership.
- d. The class must be placed from top to bottom in its entirety. The Classic Cart class must pay out a minimum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per class, regardless of the total number of entries.
- e. Shows are allowed to host more than one Classic Cart class.
- f. Classic Cart classes must be open to all breeds and genders of horses and drivers.
- g. World and/or breed-specific shows are ineligible to host a Classic Cart class.
- h. Shows must accept entries from all Classic Cart members and place the class in its entirety, assigning a placing to each entry.
- i. Only one set of points will be awarded to each Classic Cart class.
- j. The Classic Cart will run concurrently with the NASHHCS points year beginning the day after Labor Day and concluding on Labor Day of the following year.

#### **PART 4.3 Classic Halter Rules**

- a. You do not have to be a Classic Halter member to participate in a Classic Series Halter show.
- b. To earn points in the Classic Halter, exhibitors must hold a current Classic Halter membership, and the horse(s) they exhibit must be enrolled in the Classic Halter.
- c. Exhibitors showing multiple breeds within the Classic Halter must have a separate Classic Halter membership for each breed.
- d. Horses owned in partnership may participate, but each owner and/or the partnership must have a membership.
- e. Horses enrolled in the Classic Halter must be registered with the NASHHCS prior to the show for points to be earned; this includes the registered name, date of birth, gender, and registration number.
- f. Halter classes at NASHHCS qualifying shows are open to all exhibitors.
- g. The Classic Halter does not have a minimum premium payout requirement.
- h. Shows must offer a total of 10 (ten) breed-specific halter classes for each breed for which they register as a qualifying show.
- i. Clydesdale and Shire classes are permitted to be combined; no other draft horse breed classes are permitted to be combined.
- j. Results are recorded per breed.

- k. The 10 (ten) qualifying halter classes do not include group classes such as mare and foal, best matched pair, produce of dam, bred and owned, etc.
- l. Shows must accept entries from all Classic Halter members and place the class through at least 5th place.
- m. Placings may be announced at the discretion of the show.
- n. Only one set of points will be awarded for each Classic Halter class; points for each show are awarded as follows:
  - 1. Class:
    - 1st place = 10 points
    - 2nd place = 8 points
    - 3rd place = 6 points
    - 4th place = 4 points
    - 5th place = 2 points
  - 2. Champion Classes
    - Junior and Senior  
Champion – additional 10 points  
Reserve - additional 5 points
    - Grand and Reserve  
Grand Champion – additional 15 points  
Reserve Champion – additional 10 points
  - 3. Multiplier: Determined by the total number of horses exhibited in each breed. Total points above will be multiplied by the level below.
    - Level 1 | 1-15 horses, accumulated points are multiplied by 1
    - Level 2 | 16-40 horses, accumulated points are multiplied by 2
    - Level 3 | 41-70 horses, accumulated points are multiplied by 3
    - Level 4 | 71-100 horses, accumulated points are multiplied by 4
    - Level 5 | 101+ horses, accumulated points are multiplied by 5
- o. The show does not have to offer a Six-Horse Hitch, Classic Cart, Classic Riding, and/or Youth Cart in addition to the Classic Halter.
- p. Any show with a NASHHCS class or classes that do not meet all the requirements listed above may be suspended for a period to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- q. The Classic Halter will run concurrently with the NASHHCS points year beginning the day after Labor Day and concluding on Labor Day of the following year.

#### **PART 4.4 Classic Riding and Youth Classic Riding Rules**

- a. To earn points in the Classic Riding, exhibitors must hold a NASHHCS Classic Riding membership.
- b. There is no minimum payout required by the NASHHCS for Classic Riding classes.
- c. Points are tracked based on the rider, not the horse. The same horse may be used for both disciplines and age divisions.
- d. Classes offered:
  - 1. 19 and Over English, W/T/C
  - 2. 19 and Over Western, W/T/L
  - 3. 19 and Over English, W/T

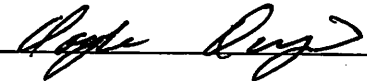
4. 19 and Over Western, W/T
5. 18 and Under English, W/T
6. 18 and Under Western, W/T
- e. Helmets are recommended for anyone 18 and Under. The helmet rules of the hosting show will take precedence.
- f. Only one set of points will be awarded for each Classic Riding and/or Classic Youth Classic Riding class.
- g. Belgians, Clydesdales, Percherons, Shires, and Spotted Drafts are permitted. Crossbreeds are allowed if the rider can prove that the horse is at least 50% of one of the aforementioned breeds.
- h. Tack and attire must be appropriate for the discipline. Judges will have final discretion.
- i. Bits must follow the rules of the hosting show and the judge will have discretion.
- j. Bitless bridles are acceptable in the 19 and Over Division.
- k. Bitless bridles may be acceptable in the 18 and Under Division.
- l. Cantering and/or Loping:
  1. Cantering is mandatory in the 19 and Over W/T/C class.
  2. Loping is mandatory in the 19 and Over W/T/L class.
  3. Cantering and/or loping is not required in the 19 and Over W/T classes.
- m. Cantering and/or loping is mandatory in 19 and Over classes at the Classic Series Finals.
- n. Presentation of the horse is at the discretion of the rider (i.e., braiding, tails, etc.).
- o. Shows must accept entries from all riding participants and place the class in its entirety, assigning a placing and points to each entry.
- p. The show does not have to offer a Six-Horse Hitch, Classic Halter, Classic Cart, and/or Youth Cart at a Classic Riding show.
- q. At the completion of the show, show management must submit the results through the NASHHCS website/show manager portal.
- r. The submission must list the placing of every rider in the class by their hitch, farm, or membership name or number.
- s. Premium payouts are optional but encouraged.
- t. Any show with a NASHHCS class or classes that do not meet all the requirements listed above may be suspended for a period to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- u. The Classic Riding will run concurrently with the NASHHCS points year beginning the day after Labor Day and concluding on Labor Day of the following year.
- v. The Youth Classic Riding may or may not include a Classic Series Finals event but will be presented with year-end awards.

#### **PART 4.5 YOUTH CART RULES**

- a. There is no minimum premium amount required for Youth Cart classes.
- b. Youth Cart exhibitors are not required to be registered members of the Youth Cart Division to compete in Youth Cart classes; however, points will only be awarded to paid members of the Youth Cart Division.
- c. A Youth Cart show does not have to offer a Six-Horse Hitch, Classic Cart, Classic Halter or Classic Riding class in conjunction with its Youth Cart class.
- d. Only one set of points will be awarded to each Youth Cart class

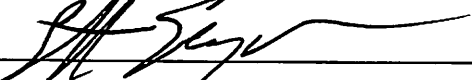
- e. Youth Cart members will follow the existing rules and age groups set forth by the show to participate in classes for points, including Senior, Junior, and Peewee.
- f. The class must be a draft breed class including Clydesdales, Shires, Belgians, or Percherons.
- g. For points to be awarded, shows must register all Youth Cart classes with NASHHCS and list each Youth Cart class, including Senior, Junior, and Peewee, on their registration.
- h. The show must accept all entries from Youth Cart members and place the Youth Cart class top to bottom, assigning placing and points to each entry.
- i. At the completion of the show, the show must submit results online through NASHHCS website listing the places of every youth exhibitor in the class by membership name or number.
- j. The Youth Cart will follow the same competition season as all other divisions of NASHHCS, ending Labor Day.

The following, being duly authorized hereby set their hands and seals as follows:

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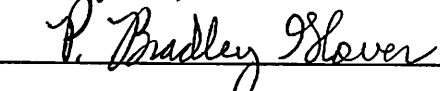
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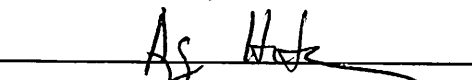
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