

BY-LAWS
GLENDALE EQUESTRIAN CLUB
1998, Amended September 25, 2024

ARTICLE I – Purpose and Registered Office & Agent

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Glendale Equestrian Club is to promote knowledge and interest in equitation and all forms of horsemanship. To encourage and foster a camaraderie among its members with a central interest in trail riding and working with all types of horses.

1.2 Registered Office & Agent

The location of the principal office and agent of the Glendale Equestrian Club shall be in the State of Arizona and as further identified in the annual report filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission.

ARTICLE II – Members

2.1 Membership

The membership shall be open to any person or family interested in any or all forms of horsemanship. It is not necessary to own a horse. Only members in good standing (dues paid) may exercise the right to vote on matters subject to member approval. Upon payment of delinquent dues, a member shall automatically be reinstated to “good standing”.

2.2 Single Membership

A Single Membership is available to any person eighteen years of age or older and is entitled to one (1) voting right.

2.3 Family Membership

A Family Membership shall include up to two adults, eighteen years or older with one voting right each. All other family members under the age of eighteen years old living in the household shall be members with no voting rights.

2.4 Dues

Annual dues shall be set by officers and approved by the membership at each Annual Meeting. Said dues will be payable to the Treasurer of Glendale Equestrian Club on January 1st of each year. If dues are not paid by March 1st of said year, that member will be dropped from the membership list.

2.5 Involuntary Termination of Membership

Involuntary termination of membership shall require a two-thirds vote of all members in attendance at the meeting, provided that written notice of the proposed termination must be given to all members including the one proposed for termination, at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE III – Meetings

3.1 Annual Meetings

The annual meeting of the members shall be held on the last Wednesday of January each year at 6:30 pm for the purpose of electing officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

3.2 Monthly Meetings

Regular monthly meetings shall be held on such a day, time and place as the officers shall designate each year at the Annual Meeting in January. Notice shall be given to all members not less than ten days prior to such meeting.

3.3 Special Meetings of Officers

Special meetings of the officers, for any purpose or purposes may be called by the president. The president may designate the place for holding any special meetings and notify the officers at least five days prior to the meeting.

3.4 Place of Meeting

The officers may designate any location as the place of meeting for the Annual Meeting or for any Monthly Meeting called by the officers.

3.5 Notice of Meeting

Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered to the membership not less than ten but not more than thirty days before the date of the meeting.

3.6 Quorum

A majority vote of those present (wins) or (shall carry the motion).

3.7 Proxies

Proxy voting is not authorized.

3.8 Voting

Each member is entitled to vote in accordance with the terms and provisions of these by-laws in person only. All elections for officers shall be decided by majority vote; all other questions on the ballot shall be decided by majority vote. Each member must be in good standing as of the Annual Meeting (the last Wednesday of January) to be eligible to vote in the January Election of Officers.

3.9 Order of Business

The order of business at all meetings of the members, shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes of preceding meeting
3. Treasurers report
4. Report of Committees
5. Unfinished Business
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

ARTICLE IV – Officers

4.1 General Powers

The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the officers. The officers shall in all cases act as a board, and they may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of their meetings and the management of the corporation as they may deem proper, not inconsistent with these by-laws and the laws of this State.

4.2 Number, Tenure and Qualifications

Each officer shall hold office until the next annual meeting of members and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified.

4.3 Officer Dismissal

A vote on dismissal of officers for cause shall be called by the president or at least two other officers by notifying all members of an intent to hold such vote no later than two weeks prior to a regular meeting. This matter shall be brought before the members are present at such a meeting. A two-thirds vote of those present according to membership shall be required to dismiss an officer. Dismissal of an officer also removes the officer from his/her office but does not automatically terminate membership.

4.4 Resignation

An officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the board, the president or the secretary of the corporation. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, the resignation shall take effect upon receipt thereof by the board or such officer, and the acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

4.5 Number of Offices

The officers of the corporation shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer.

4.6 Nominations and Elections

Nominations shall be made by members in good standing at the regularly scheduled December meeting. The names of those individuals nominated will be sent to members not less than ten days prior to the January annual meeting. Final nominations will be taken from the floor at the annual January meeting. Votes shall be tabulated by members assigned by the president whose names are not on the present ballot.

4.7 Terms of Office

Officers shall be elected annually for a term from one January meeting until the next January meeting or until his/her death, resignation, or removal.

4.8 Vacancies

A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled temporarily by the president. The temporary appointment shall remain in effect until the vacancy can be filled by the usual voting procedures of the members.

ARTICLE V - Officers Duties

5.1 President

The president shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation and, shall in general, supervise and control all the business and affairs of the corporation. He/she shall, when present, preside over all meetings of the members and of the officers. He/she may also sign any instruments for all financial transactions which the officers have authorized to be executed or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed; and in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of president and such other duties as may be prescribed by the officers from time to time to include the filing of the annual report with the Arizona Corporation Commission and filing of the 990 tax form.

5.2 Vice-President

In the absence of the president or in the event of his death, inability, or refusal to act, the vice-president shall perform the duties of the president, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the president. The vice-president shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the president.

5.3 Secretary The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the members' and of the officers' meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose, see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws or as required by law, be custodian of the corporate records and keep a register of the post office address of each member which shall be furnished to the secretary by such member, and in general perform all duties incident to the office of secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the president.

5.4 Treasurer

He/she shall keep proper records and books of account, showing disposition of funds. He/she shall prepare and give a report at every regular meeting. He/she shall keep an inventory of all property owned by the corporation. He/she shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds of the corporation; shall be responsible for collecting fees and paperwork from new members or guests at rides or functions; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with these by-laws and in general perform all of the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the president.

ARTICLE VI – Other Offices & Committees

6.1 Other Offices

Other offices may be added by the president and voted upon by the members. Other offices may include Publicity Director, Website Director and Ride Coordinator.

6.2 Committees

Committees may be formed for the functioning of Glendale Equestrian Club. The president shall assign a chairperson for said committee and the chairperson will assign members needed for the committee. Such committees may include By-Laws, Membership, Activities and Fund Raising.

ARTICLE VII – Social Media

7.1 Accounts

All social media accounts registered or managed as part of the member’s job duties belong to the Glendale Equestrian Club.

7.2 Disclosure

Any member tasked with creating or maintaining a social media account on behalf of Glendale Equestrian Club is required to disclose all login information (user names, passwords, 2 factor authentication information, etc.) to the president. The president shall share the login information with the other officers.

7.3 Ownership

The members agree that all associated account names, profiles, followers and content created or maintained in relation to the social media account belong to Glendale Equestrian Club.

ARTICLE VIII – Fiscal Year

8.1 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Glendale Equestrian Club shall begin on the first day of January in each year.

ARTICLE IX - Amendments

9.1 Amendments

These by-laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new by-laws may be adopted by a vote of two-thirds of those members present at a meeting in which two weeks’ notice of the proposed amendment or addition has been given to all members.

ARTICLE X - Disbanding

10.1 Disbanding

Should the Glendale Equestrian Club no longer fulfill its purpose as outlined in ARTICLE I, the officers shall propose disbanding the Club at one meeting and vote on it at the next meeting. Any members in good standing that are not present at the meeting shall be notified about the proposal. The vote to disband requires a two-thirds majority of all members present. Upon disbanding, all assets of the Glendale Equestrian Club shall be donated proportionately to such non-profit charities as may be nominated at the final meeting by the Club’s former members.