

Horse Advisory Committee of Brazoria County 4-H Bylaws

ARTICLE I: NAME AND OBJECTIVES

- Section 1. The name of this association shall be Horse Advisory Committee of Brazoria County 4-H (HAC).
- Section 2. This shall be a nonprofit organization exclusively for the purpose of promoting the Brazoria County 4-H Horse Project and 4-H Club work.
- Section 3. The objectives of this organization shall be:
- a) To provide learning situations for the development of leadership, responsibility, and effective citizenship.
 - b) To provide educational and challenging experiences that will enable young people to become knowledgeable and skilled in their selected project areas and the 4-H Horse Project.
 - c) To provide information and training in other 4-H activities as members' interests dictate.
 - d) To help each member experience personal growth and achievement, as well as be of service to others.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

All adult volunteer 4-H leaders who serve in Brazoria County and parents whose children participate in the Brazoria County 4-H Horse Project are members of the Association, regardless of the leadership role they perform.

Membership is opened to all 4-H adults regardless of age, socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin. Any adult that serves on a committee, in any leadership position, or interacts directly with youth members must enroll annually on 4HOnline.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

The elective officers of this association shall be the Chairman, Co-Chair, Speed Chair, Performance Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Other officers may be named as needed based on ongoing Horse Project activities (i.e. Social Media Chair). Vice-Chairman, 2nd Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. They will be elected at the last business meeting of the 4-H year; usually in August.

- a) All officers shall be nominated from the floor or self-nominate with a variety of representation from the different clubs or by a nominating committee.

- b) A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled by a majority vote of the Association HAC members.
- c) The Chairman and Co-Chair Vice-Chairman shall serve as delegates to the Brazoria County 4-H Parents Association or who is designated by the committee.

ARTICLE IV: TERM OF OFFICE

All officers shall be elected for one (1) year terms beginning after officer installation during the first business meeting of the 4-H year.

ARTICLE V: VOTING BODY

The body shall consist of 4-H Leaders and 4-H Parents who are present at the meeting. The Chairman shall have a vote in the event of a tie. QUORUM: A quorum shall consist of four (4) members of the voting membership present, which must include two (2) executive officers.

ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

The Association HAC shall have standing committees and special committees as needed. If a committee fails to complete its duties and responsibilities and submit a report at the appropriate time, the Chairman has the authority to reappoint other members and/or chairman if necessary.

ARTICLE VII: SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Special committees may be formed as the need arises to work on projects.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Meetings will be held tentatively the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month at the Brazoria County Extension Office, or other mutually agreed upon location, and will be ran in accordance to Robert's Rules of Order. Meeting dates will be set annually in the 4-H Calendar.

If needed, for any circumstances, the monthly Parent's Association Meetings HAC meeting or any special called meeting may be held by virtual means and the voting for motions also be made virtually.

ARTICLE VIII: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

The Horse Advisory Committee shall adhere to all guidelines related to financial accountability as outlined in the Texas 4-H Youth Development 4-H Club Financial Management Rules and Guidelines.

ARTICLE IX: CLUB DISBANDMENT

Upon the disbandment of the club Horse Advisory Committee, all real property, including money, equipment and land shall become the property of the County 4-H Program for care and disposition and authorizes the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service and County Extension Agent(s) full rights to access bank records, bank funds, and all other banking authority. This also applies to all inventory and assets acquired by and or owed by this organization. The last official duty of the club's Horse Advisory Committee Chairmanager shall be to affect the transfer of club property and to turn over club records to the County Extension Agent or other Extension designees.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the club by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that the proposed amendments have been presented to the club in writing and filed with the secretary at the previous meeting of the club. Amendments must not conflict with the basic 4-H philosophy or the Texas 4-H Club/Group Charter Agreement. These amendments are effective upon the affirmative vote of the members present.

ARTICLE XI: FUNDS

Funds will be run through Horse Advisory Committee of Brazoria County 4-H. Signatures shall be on file at the Prosperity Bank for the HAC 4-H account and certificates of deposit. At least two signatures will be on file with the bank.

ARTICLE XII: SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships will be awarded each year, if money is available.

ARTICLE XIII: ASSOCIATION ADVISORS

County Extension Agents shall serve as advisors to the Association HAC. Other resource people and agencies may be called on as consultants.

ARTICLE XVI: BYLAW REVIEW

The bylaws shall be reviewed every year.