

## **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

### ***Section 1. Eligibility***

An owner, owner-trainer or trainer who or which is a Member of an Affiliate is eligible and entitled to Membership in the National Association, and a partnership, corporation or their association which is a Member of an Affiliate is eligible and entitled to Membership in the National Association.

A Affiliate is not entitled to vote on any matter coming before the National Association except through its President or its other duly authorized representative.

### ***Section 2. Membership***

An Affiliate is eligible for Membership in the National Association and shall become a Member at such time as eligibility for Membership is established. Eligibility for Membership in the National Association is established upon approval of the Constitution and Bylaws of an Affiliate by a two-thirds (2/3rds) weighted vote of the Affiliates voting.

### ***Section 3. Honorary Membership***

Any person who has performed some distinguished service to the sport of racing and who is not already a Member of the National Association may be elected by the Board as an honorary Member. An honorary Member shall not be required to pay dues or assessments or make contributions to the National Association and shall not be entitled to vote or hold office in the National Association.

### ***Section 4. Duties of Membership***

- A. It shall be the duty of each Member of the National Association to conduct himself or itself at all times in such manner as to merit the respect of the public and to act at all times in the best interests of the National Association.
- B. Each Member of the National Association, by accepting Membership, agrees to abide by this Constitution and Bylaws and the orders and decisions of the Board and its Executive Committee.

### ***Section 5. Tenure of Membership***

- A. Tenure. A Member of the National Association shall remain as such so long as such Member or the entity through which Membership is established is a Member of an Affiliate. Affiliate Membership in the National Association shall terminate only in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Constitution and Bylaws.

- B. Suspension or Expulsion. A Member of the National Association may be suspended or expelled from Membership by the Executive Committee in accordance with the hearing provisions of Article V, Section 4 hereof, for violation of any provision of this Constitution and Bylaws, for illegal, unethical or unsportsmanlike conduct, or for failure to remain in good standing with the rules of racing in effect where the Member races. An Affiliate may be suspended or expelled for non-payment of its dues and assessments.

## **ARTICLE IV ELECTIONS AND VOTING**

### *Section 1. Election of National Association Officers*

- A. The Chairman, President and the Vice President shall each be elected by a majority of weighted votes of the Board at its regular summer meeting. In case no candidate for Chairman of the Board, President or Vice President receives a majority of the weighted votes of the Board cast on the first ballot, then the two candidates for each such office receiving the highest number of weighted votes on the first ballot shall participate in a run-off election.
- B. A candidate for Chairman of the Board, President and Vice President each shall be or shall have been an Affiliate President. There shall be a Nominating Committee appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Board. Said Committee shall meet for the purpose of making nominations for National Association offices not later than sixty (60) days in advance of any election of National Association Officers. Nominations shall also be permitted to be made from the floor at a Board Meeting.