

BYLAWS OF WESTSIDE TEAM PENNING CLUB

The following Bylaws shall govern the affairs of the Westside Team Penning Club (hereinafter referred to as the "club") a nonprofit corporation under the Washington nonprofit Corporation act, RCW 24.03 ET seq.

1. Corporate Purpose:

The general nature of the business of the Club and the objects and purposes proposed to be transacted, promoted and carried on by the Club are to engage in the not for profit business/purpose of:

- 1.1 Promoting the sport of team penning;
- 1.2 Providing an opportunity for all ages and abilities of the riders to learn, practice, and compete in the sport of team penning.
- 1.3 Establishing and maintaining a group of persons in Western Washington engaged in team penning.
- 1.4 Gathering, preparing, and disseminating information about team penning to the members, prospective members, sponsors, prospective corporate sponsors, event sponsors, and to the general public; and
- 1.5 Establishing and enforcing rules for competition at Club sponsored team-penning events.

2. OFFICE

- 2.1 **OFFICE:** The Office of the Club shall be at: 2435 Beaver Creek Dr. SW. Olympia, WA. 98512
- 2.2 **Other Offices;** The Club may have other offices within the State of Washington place or places as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

3. Members

- 3.1 **Classes:** The Club shall have two classes of memberships:
- 3.2 **Single Membership;** Any person at least nineteen (19) years of age shall be entitled to register as a single member;
- 3.3 **Family Membership;** Adults and minors who are immediate family members and/or reside in the same household through the end of the membership year.
- 3.4 **Minors;** Any person eighteen (18) years of age or younger shall be admitted only under a family membership provided they reside with the joining family are attending school through the end of the fiscal year. Individuals eighteen (18) years of age or younger must have their membership application signed by a parent or legal guardian.

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5. **Dues and Fees;** There shall be annual membership dues assessed each member. **Dues shall be assessed on November 1st of each year payable for the following calendar year.** The annual membership dues amount shall be set and changed by a majority vote of the membership. In addition to the annual dues, each Member shall be assessed and shall pay an administrative fee for each Club-sponsored penning, the amount to be set by a majority vote of the membership. This administrative fee shall be assessed to and paid by each Member participating in the penning event, regardless of the numbers of teams or entries at the penning.

- 5.1 **Late Charges;** If the annual dues assessed are not paid prior to January 15th of the calendar year for which they are assessed, then an additional Five Dollars (\$5.00) Will be paid by the Member at the time of the payment of that Member's annual dues.

6. **Responsibilities for Class Designations and Entry Fees;** the general membership shall set the class designations and entry fee charges for the Club. Members shall vote on such class designations and fee changes annually at the Members regularly scheduled annual meeting.

- 5.1 **Competitions;** All participants in Club-sponsored competitions must be Members in good standing in order to compete and receive points. Riders who are not Club Members may join on the day of the penning in which they plan to compete. The Board of Directors shall designate a member who shall provide all new members joining the day of the Competition a copy of the Club's Bylaws, Rules, Point System Summary and Rider Classification Requirements, along with any other pertinent information the Board or designated Member deems necessary.
- 5.2 **Awards ;** A member must have penned in at least 75% of all regularly scheduled club pennings in a given year to be eligible for any year end club awards for the same specified year.
- 5.3 **Transfers of Memberships;** There shall be no transfers of membership interests.
- 5.4 **Ownership;** Registered Members shall be treated by the Club as the holders-in-fact of the membership standing in their respective names and the Club shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in any share on the part

of any other person, whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof, except as expressly provided below or by the laws of the State of Washington.

- 5.5 Prohibited Acts;** So long as the Club is in existence, and except with the prior approval of the Board of Directors or members, no Member shall:
- 5.5.1 Do any act in violation of these Bylaws or any amendments hereto or a binding obligation of the Club.
 - 5.5.2 Do any act with the intention of harming the Club or any of its operations
 - 5.5.3 Do any act that would make it impossible or unnecessarily difficult to carry on the intended or ordinary business of the Club;
 - 5.5.4 Receive an improper personal benefit from the operation of the Club or any of its activities or events.
 - 5.5.5 Use the assets of the Club, directly or indirectly, for any purpose other than carrying on the business of the Club.
 - 5.5.6 Wrongfully transfer or dispose of Club property, including intangible property such as good will
 - 5.5.7 Use the name of the Club, or any substantially similar name, or any trademark or trade name adopted by the club, except on behalf of the Club in the ordinary course of the Club's business; or
 - 5.5.8 Disclose any of the Club's business practices, trade secrets, or any other information not generally known to the business community, to any person not authorized to receive such information.

7. Sanction, Suspension or Termination of Members; The Board of Directors may impose reasonable sanctions on any Member or suspend or expel any Member from the Club for good cause after a hearing. Good cause includes, but is not limited to (i) the default of an obligation to the Club to pay fees or dues for a period of thirty (30) days following delivery of notice of default, or (ii) a material and serious violation of the Club Bylaws, Rules, or of a law. The Board of Directors may delegate powers to a regular or ad hoc committee to conduct a hearing, make recommendations to the Board, or take actions on behalf of the Board. The Board of Directors or a committee designated by the Board to handle a matter involving sanctioning, suspension, or expulsion may not take any action against a Member without giving the Member adequate notice and an opportunity to be heard. To be deemed adequate, notice shall be in writing and delivered at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing. However, shorter notice may be deemed adequate if the Board of Directors or a committee designated by the Board to handle a matter involving sanctioning, suspension, or expulsion determines that the need for a timely hearing outweighs the prejudice caused to the member and if a statement of the need for a timely hearing is included in the notice. If mailed, the notice shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. A member shall have the right to be represented by counsel at and before the hearing. The Board of Directors or a committee designated by the Board of Directors to handle a matter involving sanctioning, suspension, or expulsion may impose sanctions, suspend a Member, or expel a Member by vote of a majority of Directors or a majority of **Westside Team Penning Club**.

8. **Club Disolvement** – In the event the club disbands all money will be donated to a non-profit equestrian facility. Horse Rescue facility. The board will then choose which facility will benefit, or it will be divided by more than one horse rescue facility..

Option 2 – All money will be put into a scholarship fund in the name of Casey Casavant.

All material items ie: clock, bumper pads, panels etc. owned by the club will be sold and the proceeds dispersed.