

2023 Proposed NFHR By-Law Changes:

1. ARTICLE IV, C LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

Current wording of this article	Proposed Changes
	<p>1. MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING. A member in good standing is a member who has complied with NFHR Bylaws, the Rules of Registration and Transfers, and other policies adopted by the Board of Directors, and who is neither delinquent of membership dues or other fees or suspended. Only members in good standing are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Association.</p>
<p>1. DISCIPLINARY ACTION. Censure or other disciplinary actions by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board of Directors including termination of membership, may occur upon violation of NFHR Bylaws, the Rules of Registration and Transfers, or other policies adopted by the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>42. DISCIPLINARY ACTION. Censure or other disciplinary actions bBy an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board of Directors, the Board may impose disciplinary action on a member, including and up to termination of membership, may occur upon violation of NFHR Bylaws, the Rules of Registration and Transfers, or other policies adopted by the Board of Directors per the Vermont statutes. The process shall be carried out in good faith.</p>
<p>2. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board, may terminate a membership after notice and an opportunity to be heard by the Board. The process shall be carried out in good faith.</p>	<p>2. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board, may terminate a membership after notice and an opportunity to be heard by the Board. The process shall be carried out in good faith.</p>
<p>3. NOTICE. At least fifteen (15) days prior written notice shall be given to the affected member. Said notice shall state the reasons for the proposed action, and shall give the member an opportunity to be heard by the Board, orally or in writing. The notice shall state the date the proposed action will be considered by the Board of Directors and shall be sent to the member not less than ten(10) days before the Board proposed action. Written notice of the proposed action shall be given by certified mail, return receipt requested, and sent to the member's last known address.</p>	<p>3. NOTICE. At least fifteen (15) days prior written notice shall be given to the affected member. Said notice shall state the reasons for the proposed disciplinary action, and shall give the member an opportunity to be heard by the Board, orally or in writing. The notice shall state the date the proposed action will be considered by the Board of Directors and shall be sent to the member not less than ten(10) days before the Board proposed action. Written notice of the proposed action shall be given by certified mail, return receipt requested, and sent to the member's last known address.</p>

	<p>4. APPEAL. A member whose membership is suspended or terminated shall, after a time frame set by the Board, not to be shorter than ninety days, have the right to appeal to the Board of Directors for reinstatement and shall be reinstated provided two-thirds of the members of the Board present vote in the affirmative. A person so suspended or terminated shall have one opportunity to appeal and must do so within 12 months (365 days) from the date of the suspension or termination, otherwise the suspension or termination shall become permanent. Once suspended or terminated, the individual will be deemed permanently ineligible to serve on any committee or the Board of Directors. The duration of a suspension shall be limited to no less than 90 days and no more than 365 days.</p>
<p>4. FAILURE TO PAY DUES. Membership rights are suspended automatically for any members whose dues have not been paid by February 1st of the calendar year. Membership shall be reinstated upon payment of dues.</p>	<p>45. FAILURE TO PAY DUES. Membership rights are suspended automatically for any members whose dues have not been paid by February 1st of the calendar year. Membership shall be reinstated upon payment of dues.</p>
<p>5. REINSTATEMENT. Upon written request, submitted to the Board of Directors no sooner than one (1) year after termination of membership, signed by the former member whose membership has been terminated by the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board, may reinstate a member to membership on such terms as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.</p>	<p>56. REINSTATEMENT. Upon written request, submitted to the Board of Directors no sooner than one (1) year after termination of membership, signed by the former member whose membership has been terminated by the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors by an affirmative vote of two thirds of all the members of the Board, may reinstate a member to membership on such terms as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.</p>
<p>6. RESIGNATION. Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary; however, no refund shall be given. Family memberships shall remain intact unless all adult members resign.</p>	<p>67. RESIGNATION. Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary; however, no refund shall be given. Family memberships shall remain intact unless all adult members resign.</p>

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2. ARTICLE IV, B, 1 (membership requirement to register horses)

A. ELIGIBILITY. Membership in the NFHR shall be open to any person or entity who is interested in the purposes of the Norwegian Fjord Horse Registry.

B. MEMBERSHIP. NFHR members are bound by the Bylaws, the Rules of Registration and Transfers, and any other policies adopted by the NFHR Board of Directors.

1. ~~Membership is required in order to register horses.~~

3. ARTICLE XIII, B AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF REGISTRATION AND TRANSFERS

A. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS.

The Board of Directors shall periodically review the Bylaws and propose changes as needed. The proposed changes shall be posted on the website as soon as they are available. A ballot shall be sent to the members by mail or electronically at least 45 days prior to the deadline stated for the return of the ballot. Approval of substantive changes to the Bylaws will be by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members responding to the ballot. Changes in the Bylaws to correct spelling, grammar, formatting, numbering, consistency, or to comply with applicable laws shall require only the approval of the Board of Directors.

B. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF REGISTRATION AND TRANSFERS.

Will be made by a two-thirds vote of the ~~Board of Directors membership that are responding to the ballots.~~ Amendments shall be presented in the official NFHR publication ~~or~~ and on the NFHR website for comment by the membership prior to any action taken ~~by the Board of Directors.~~ Changes in ~~the~~ the Rules of Registration and Transfers to correct spelling, grammar, formatting, numbering, or consistency shall not require comment by the membership. ~~However, any changes to comply with applicable laws, or to add or remove any part of the Rules of Registration and Transfer will be made by two-third vote of the membership responding to the ballot. The proposed changes shall be posted on the website as soon as they are available. A ballot shall be sent to the members by mail or electronically at least 45 days prior to the deadline stated for the return of the ballot.~~