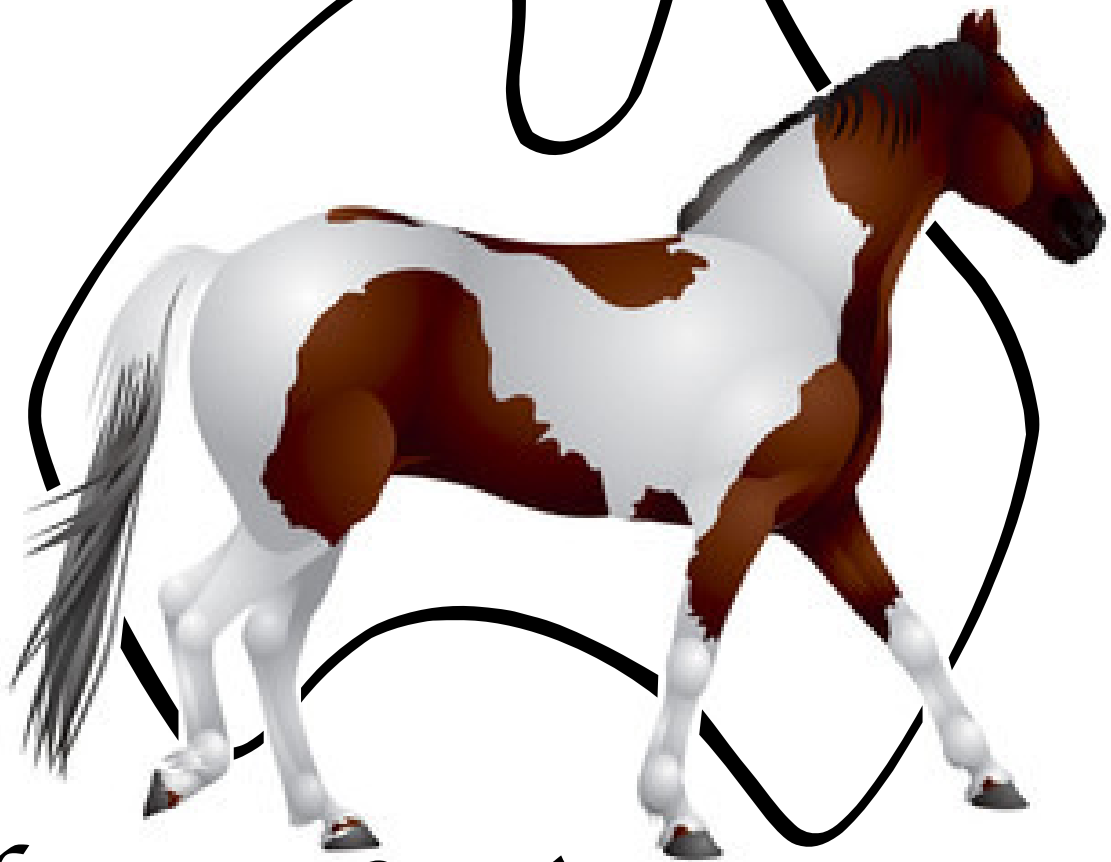


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## **Independent Pinto Horse Society Inc.**

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### **RULES & REGULATIONS:**

The Independent Pinto Horse Society Inc. may be referred to as “the Society” in these Rules & Regulations. All applicants must agree to abide by the IPHS Inc Constitution and the Rules, Regulations, Code of Ethics and Social Media Policy contained herein.

#### **1. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

- (a) To become a member of the Society the approved IPHS application form for membership must be completed and returned with the applicable fee to the Secretary.
- (b) A member is not required to own either a Pinto or Pintaloosa; however an ‘Associate membership’ will be required if showing either a Pinto or Pintaloosa for another financial member (2.c)
- (c) The Society reserves the right to accept or reject any application for membership
- (d) To register a horse with the society the owner or lessee must be a financial Society member (see classes of membership)

#### **2. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP:**

- (a) **Family Membership** – being a family that consists of 2 Adults and their children 17 years of age or under.
- (b) **Adult Membership** – single membership for persons 18 years or older
- (c) **Associate Membership** - for persons with interests within the society; either for business or pleasure, a professional trainer or non pinto owners who will be showing for a financial member.
- (d) **Junior Membership** – for persons 5 years of age up to and including 17 years of age, junior applications must be signed by a parent or guardian. \* Junior members are only permitted to have no more than 2 Pintos/Pintaloosas registered in their name, excluding Stallions. Junior members who reach the age of 18 during the financial year may opt to upgrade to an Adult membership should they wish to attend meetings and be entitled to vote and or become an Amateur Owner for the remainder of the year; or Junior members may continue to compete in the Youth category until the end of the financial year.
- (e) **Amateur Owner Membership** – youth attaining 18 years of age and adults who have not been ‘professional’ for a period of no less than 3 years. To apply for Amateur Owner status you must hold an Adult Membership. \*Professional refers to a person who receives either sponsorship or remuneration, either directly or indirectly for breaking, training, schooling, driving, halter & show preparation, showing or competing in halter or under saddle at any event; conducting clinics, seminars or giving instruction to any other person in showing, competition, training or riding. Prize money received at a show is not considered remuneration.

#### **3. MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP:**

- (a) Registration applications made in the name of a partnership – all partners must be members of the Society. The application must be accompanied by a letter of authority signed by all partners granting permission for one person to act as ‘nominee’ on behalf of the partnership.
- (b) Registration applications made in the name of a corporation – the application must be accompanied by a letter of authority nominating an agent to act on behalf of the corporation.
- (c) Family membership – any financial family member may submit a registration application in his or her name; applications submitted by members under the age of 18 must include the signature of one financial parent or guardian.

#### 4. **VOTING:**

Only financial members of the association are permitted to vote at general meetings as follows -

- (a) Family - 2 Adult votes.
- (b) Adult - 1 vote.
- (c) Associate - not permitted to vote.
- (d) Junior - not permitted to vote.

#### 5. **DEFINITIONS:**

##### **PINTO:**

- (a) A Horse, Galloway or Pony of good type and conformation which possesses the acceptable broken color coat patterns attributed to the Pinto. The ideal Pinto markings are a 50 – 50 distribution of color and white markings, however, acceptable patterns range from the predominantly white to the predominantly dark horse. There must be at least enough white on the body to meet our 'minimum' requirements.
- (b) Pinto markings are special genetic traits – the coat patterns (originally known as 'Piebald' - Black and White colouring or 'Skewbald' - Chestnut, Brown or Bay and White colouring) are now referred to as Tobiano, Overo, Tobero or Tovero, Splash etc (see coat patterns)
- (c) The Independent Pinto Horse Society accepts Pintos considered suitable as a modern light riding horse type hack or hunter; horses of unknown breeding, Standardbreds and heavier horses are also approved provided they meet colour requirements, are conformationally correct and have no hereditary defects; horses must be able to perform a walk, trot and canter, exhibiting a smooth straight following action, tracking up in all paces and should not trot wide behind or pace/amble.
- (d) Pintos are expected to exhibit sound conformation, attractiveness and show good quality of breeding. They must have a well-proportioned body to produce a comfortable and pleasurable ride if ridden, be sound of limb and body and able to undertake their required functions.

##### **PINTALOOSA:**

- (a) A Pintaloosa shall be defined as a horse or pony which exhibits a combination of Pinto and Appaloosa markings.
- (b) The IPHS Pintaloosa registry is not a breed registry – it is a colour registry for horses and ponies displaying both Pinto and Appaloosa patterning (rendering them ineligible for Pinto registry)  
Pintaloosas will not be permitted to enter Pinto classes.
- (c) Pintaloosa registered horses and ponies must be of good type, exhibit sound conformation, attractiveness and show good quality of breeding. They must have a well-proportioned body to produce a comfortable and pleasurable ride if ridden, be sound of limb and body and able to undertake their required functions.
- (d) Pintaloosas are NOT permitted to compete in Pinto classes, entry to 'Colourama' 'Any other colour/breed' is permissible if no Pintaloosa class is available.

#### 6. **DEFINITION OF COAT PATTERNS:**

##### **PINTO:**

- (a) **Tobiano** – (toe-bee-ah-no)

The Tobiano is basically a white horse with large, usually smooth patches of colour on the head, upper neck, chest, flanks & tail. A variation is a predominantly dark horse with white socks and white markings on the neck and/or shoulder and/or buttock. Tobiano is a dominant gene requiring a Tobiano parent to produce Tobiano.

(b) **Overo** – (o-vair-o)

The Overo is a solid coloured horse with white markings of irregular shaped, jagged edges which run on the side of the horse and usually spread towards the neck, legs and back. Colour appears to 'frame' the white areas. Overo's often have wide blazes, bald or apron markings on the face, they may have blue or glass eyes; the legs may be solid or 1 or more legs may have long white stockings, however no white crosses the neckline or backline.

**Sabino Overo:** Appears speckled or "roany", mostly near the spot's edges. This is the most common overo pattern. Sabinos often have spotted or roan-like facial markings, which can look quite wild. It is rare to find a sabino with a normal star or stripe for a facial marking. Another distinct characteristic of the sabino, is that they generally have three or four white legs.

**Frame Overo:** White spots along the horse's barrel, with a "frame" of darker color around the white. Over 95% of all frame overos are solid colored along the back from the withers to the tail, and it is uncommon for the mane to be of mixed color.

(c) **Tobero / Tovero**

Horses which show definite characteristics of the two patterns as described above in Tobiano and Overo are referred to as Tobero (pronounced toe-bear-oh) or Tovero (pronounced: tow vair' oh) Their coat can consist of completely different coat patterns on different parts of their body, Tobiano pattern in one place and jagged Overo edges in another.

(d) **Sabino**

Sabino can be produced from solid matings, it is a dark coloured horse with a white (baldy) or apron face, solid colour legs or long white stockings, white belly splash with the white always running from the bottom upwards. Sabino may be in the bloodline of the horses you breed with.

(e) **Splash White**

Normally solid on top, but look like they have been rolled over onto their back and splashed with paint. Markings tend to be rounded. Normally extreme white on face and black eyeliner. For a long time, horses with minimal Splash coloring were not classified as carrying Splash. It is thought that what was previously considered a normal frame overo with eyeliner, may in fact be Frame Overo, plus Splashed White, which would make it much more common in the horse community then previously thought. There is some stigma attached to horses that appear with the "classic" Splashed White markings due to the belief that they may be deaf. Some may be, however the majority are not. These days, there is much more research being done on this gene and it is now the belief that the blue eye in non Frame Overo horses is an indication of Splash, and not sabino. The Overo gene can sometimes be "hidden" and be hard to identify. If in doubt, it is best to have your horse DNA tested before breeding with another Frame Overo horse.

(f) **Medicine Hat** - basically a white horse, usually Tovero but can also be either Tobiano or Overo, which shows nil or a minimal amount of colour on its ears, there may also be a small amount of colour along the back and bottom line of the neck, these are referred to as Shielded Medicine Hat.

**PINTALOOSA:**

- (a) Must exhibit a combination of the above Pinto markings and distinct Appaloosa markings.
- (b) **Blanket** - A solid white area normally over, but not limited to, the hip area with a contrasting base colour.
- (c) **Spots** - White or dark spots over all or a portion of it's body.
- (d) **Roan** - A roan Appaloosa may have an extensively roan coat along with mottled skin and spotted coat characteristics, or may have just a few patches of roaning.
- (e) **Roan Blanket** - The roan pattern consisting of a mixture of light and dark hairs, over a portion of the body. The blanket normally occurs over, but not limited to, the hip area.
- (f) **Roan Blanket with Spots** - Roan blanket which has white and/or dark spots within the roan area.

## **7. TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

### **PINTO:**

- (a) The presence of the lesser colour on the legs above the knees and hocks.
- (b) Apron face.
- (c) White on jaw.
- (d) Pink skin under white hairs and/or a blue zone between white hair and other colour present.
- (e) Two coloured mane or tail (not flaxen).
- (f) White under belly which extends into view

### **PINTALOOSA:**

- (a) The visible presence of Pinto markings and Appaloosa (spotted) markings
- (b) A combination of tobiano, overo, tobero, sabino, or splashed white with few spot leopard, spotted Leopard, snowflake, blanket (solid and spotted), mottled, snowcap characteristics
- (c) Pink skin under white hairs and/or a blue zone between white hair in Pinto markings
- (d) Appaloosa (spotted) markings, mottled skin, striped hooves, white sclera visible when the eye is in a normal position, and mottled (spotted) skin around the eyes, lips, and genitalia

## **8. COLOUR REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION:**

### **PINTO:**

- (a) The Ideal Pinto has a 50/50% distribution of coat colour and white markings, however acceptable patterns range from the predominantly white to the predominantly dark horse.
- (b) The Pinto must have noticeable markings on the body, not including the face or below the level of the elbow or stifle; jawbone markings are acceptable.
- (c) The less of the two colours should meet the minimum requirements, only colour visible from an eye height of 5 ft (1.5 m) at a distance of 10 ft (3 m ) shall be considered.
  - 1. Half an A4 size page of white must be visible for ponies not exceeding 12hh.
  - 2.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an A4 size page of white must be visible for ponies over 12hh and not exceeding 14hh.
  - 3. A full A4 size page of white must be visible for horses over 14hh.
- (d) A maximum of three coloured areas are to be considered in assessing the minimum colour requirements which may be the three largest present.
- (e) No discrimination will be made against the colour of the eyes.
- (f) Light or dark skin will only be taken into account in the case of a Grey Pinto whose markings have faded out.
- (g) In borderline cases where colour requirement is questionable the presence of 2 or more Pinto characteristics shall determine eligibility.
- (h) A Pinto may be white and any other colour ie: Bay, Black, Chestnut, Grey, Brown, Palomino etc.
- (i) Foals showing colour pattern on the body which may be in doubt of meeting the minimum adult requirements on reaching maturity may be accepted into the foal recording register and reviewed at adult upgrade between 2 and 4 years. Owners may request a classification at their expense.
- (j) Belly Splashes – in the case of a horse or pony presenting with a belly splash only, with no other visible white on the body a registration may be approved provided that the belly splash exhibits sufficient white as determined at a society meeting and at the discretion of the Society

## **PINTALOOSA:**

- (a) Pintaloosas may be any colour including bay, black, chestnut, palomino, buckskin, cremello, perlino, roan, gray, dun and must show visible Pinto characteristics (white patch or patches) on the body
- (b) There must be a combined minimum visible pinto coat pattern, and a minimum visible Appaloosa marking apparent - mottled skin and at least one other characteristic; striped hooves, white sclera visible when the eye is in a normal position, and mottled (spotted) skin around the eyes, lips, and genitalia may be taken into consideration in questionable cases, registration may be approved at the discretion of the Society

## **9. REGISTRATION & RECORDING:**

Eligibility of all registration applications will be determined at the first possible society meeting following receipt of each application and will have to pass committee approval before acceptance. The decision of the committee is final. Registration applications will only be accepted from financial members of the society.

The committee may request a Veterinary Certificate for any pending registration if they deem it necessary before the registration application is approved; a Veterinary Certificate may also be requested of any registered horse if called into question.

## **THE ASSOCIATION MAINTAINS THE FOLLOWING REGISTERS FOR IDENTIFYING PINTO & PINTALOOSA STOCK:**

### **(a) Foal Recording:**

Foals 12 months or less must register for Colt, Filly or Gelding foal recording.

All foal recorded Colts, Fillies or geldings **must** be upgraded before reaching the age of 4 years.

Foal Registrations must apply for registration to the Society.

Four (4) photos must accompany the application with the fee of \$25.00 per foal.

A copy of a service certificate of proof of mating or copy of registration certificate from a respective breed association must accompany the registration (if applicable)

- (b) **Horse & Ponies aged 12 months to 2 years** – May either Foal Register Colts, Fillies or Geldings but will be required to upgrade to adult registration before obtaining the age of 4 years **OR** may apply for adult registration from 12 months of age.

### **(c) Upgrading from Foal Recording:**

- (1) Colts upgrading to Stallion must provide a current Veterinary Certificate, 4 new photos – 2 of which must be signed by a Veterinary Surgeon, completed upgrade form and the applicable fee.
- (2) Colts that have been upgraded with another breed will not be required to send a new Veterinary Certificate with the PHS upgrade form but must provide a copy of the relevant upgraded status from its respective breed association.
- (3) Colts which are gelded - must also send in a copy of the Veterinary Certificate stating gelding date. Please send four (4) new photos, and return Colt registration papers to the association with the upgrade form and fee.
- (4) Fillies upgrading to Mare must return completed upgrade form, 4 new photos and the applicable fee.
- (5) Geldings upgrading from foal recording to adult must return completed upgrade form, 4 new photos and the applicable fee

(d) **Adult Register:**

For Pinto's or Pintaloosas not previously Foal Recorded

- (1) Unregistered Stallions (stallions that are not registered with a recognized breed Society/ Association) will be required to pass a veterinary inspection verifying the animal is sound and free of hereditary defect. Applicants must supply a signed and dated Veterinary Certificate of soundness.  
Four (4) photos must accompany the application with the applicable fee per stallion
- (2) Stallions that are registered and upgraded with another Breed Association will not be required to send a new Veterinary Certificate with the PHS registration application but must provide a copy of the relevant registration certificate from its respective breed association.  
Four (4) photos must accompany the application with the applicable fee per stallion
- (3) Mares and Geldings – must supply completed registration application forms, 4 photos and the applicable fee.
- (4) Any Pinto or Pintaloosa application shall be declined if the applicant shows any characteristics described in rule 10.
- (5) The committee reserves the right to accept or reject any application for registration.

**10. HORSES INELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION:**

**PINTO REGISTRY:**

- (a) Horses with Appaloosa, Spotted, Palouse or Pintaloosa characteristics are not eligible for registration and horses developing such characteristics after registration will be de-registered.
- (b) Any stock with the following hereditary faults will not be eligible for registration -  
\*Cryptorchidism, \*Monorchidism, \*Parrot Mouth (overshot jaw) \*Undershot Jaw,  
\*Cataract, \*Polydactylism (Cloven hoof) \*Post Hocks/Legs, Sickle Hock, Cow Hock  
Any registered horse found to be displaying any of the above faults will be deregistered. Horses displaying a profound conformation defect (not listed above) that affects the integrity of the associations standards can be deregistered.

**PINTALOOSA REGISTRY**

- (a) Horses not displaying a combination of Pinto AND Pintaloosa, Appaloosa, or Spotted characteristics are not eligible for registration.
- (b) Any stock with the following hereditary faults will not be eligible for registration -  
\*Cryptorchidism, \*Monorchidism, \*Parrot Mouth (overshot jaw) \*Undershot Jaw,  
\*Cataract, \*Polydactylism (Cloven hoof) \*Post Hocks/Legs, Sickle Hock, Cow Hock  
Any registered horse found to be displaying any of the above faults will be deregistered. Horses displaying a profound conformation defect (not listed above) that affects the integrity of the associations standards can be deregistered.

**11. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION:**

- (a) Application for adult registration or foal recording will only be accepted from financial Society members and must be made on the official forms provided.
- (b) All information required on the application form must be clearly set out in ink, ballpoint pen or type written; the application must be signed by the applicant. In the case of the applicant being under the age of 18 years, the applicant's parent or guardian must also sign.
- (c) If the current owner is not the breeder, the application for registration or foal recording must be accompanied by proof of ownership, a Bill of Sale, Statutory Declaration or copies of another breed registration certificate stating ownership.



- (d) Lodgement of the following requirements;
- (1) Completed adult or foal recording applications.
  - (2) Completed name prefix application if applicable
  - (3) Four (4) recent photographs
  - (4) Payment of applicable fees.
  - (5) The applicant being a current financial member.
  - (6) The veterinarian certificate for stallions aged 2 years & over.
  - (7) Documentation authenticating pedigree and recognition of ancestry if available.
- Photo copies of other breed registration certificates will be accepted as proof of breeding, vet inspection certificate with those societies requiring same.
- (e) The committee reserves the right to accept or reject any application for registration.

## **12. PHOTOGRAPHS:**

- (a) Four photographs of the horse must accompany applications. The Society accepts photographs in printed form or emailed images.
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| *One side view of nearside | *One front view – as square as possible. |
| *One side view of offside  | *One rear view – as square as possible   |
- (b) All photographs submitted for registration must be sent on photo quality paper or emailed. All photographs must be clearly labelled with the horses name.
- (c) The entire horse must be visible in all photographs and must be without saddlery, harness or rider. Photos must include all four legs; all four hoofs must be visible. The head, including muzzle and ears must be visible in all submitted photos. Photos submitted which do not clearly show the entire horse will not be accepted.
- (d) Photographs must have been taken within three months of applying for foal recording.
- (e) All photographs submitted for registration purposes shall become the property of the Society.

## **13. NAMING THE HORSE:**

- (a) Members owning Pinto or Pintaloosa stock can record a name prefix with the association, all horses identified or registered by such member will have the members recorded name prefix preceding the registered name.
- (b) All horses registered with another society coming into the registry of the Society that already have a name prefix preceding their name will be identified or registered with that same prefix and name where no duplication occurs, if duplication does occur the name will be suffixed by the registering owner's prefix in the possessive case.
- (c) Names, including name prefix must not exceed 30 letters (including spaces and punctuation).
- (d) The registrar may refuse to allow any name which is considered to be misleading, misapplied or contrary to the interest of the association.
- (e) The registrar reserves the right to select a name from the 3 submitted names, if these are not available the registrar may request a further 3 names be submitted by the owner.

## **14. CHANGE OF HORSE'S NAME:**

The name of a recorded or registered Pinto or Pintaloosa shall not be changed unless the Society subsequently finds that an error was made in recording the name, should this occur a proper record shall be made by the registrar as required to avoid confusion. Should a member wish to change the registered name of a Pinto or Pintaloosa, the member must apply to the Committee to request a change of name. A prescribed fee will be applicable and must be paid.

**15. CHANGE OF NAME PREFIX:**

Members may change their name prefix for new registrations by submitting a new name prefix application accompanied by a letter cancelling the previous name prefix, plus the applicable fee. All Pinto's or Pintaloosas already identified or registered with the previous name prefix will retain that prefix.

Only new applications will carry the new name prefix.

**16. RECOGNITION OF ANCESTRY:**

The registrar will only recognise ancestry if it is authenticated by copies of service certificates, stud slip, registration certificate from another society or statutory declaration from stallion owner (Sire of the horse being identified or registered) A copy to be retained in files.

**17. REPLACEMENT OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES:**

Application for replacement of certificates may be made by the registered owner only and must be accompanied by a statutory declaration and replacement fee.

**18. REGISTRATION RECORDS, CHANGES & ADDITIONS:**

- (a) Any unofficial alteration, addition, deletion or endorsement to a registration certificate will render the registration cancelled.
- (b) Any alteration or addition to certificates must be requested in writing and will be amended by the registrar with supporting documents or certificate eg. Copy of service certificate or copy registration certificate of Sire or Dam.
- (c) If a new certificate is required a replacement fee will be charged.

**19. INOPERATIVE REGISTRATIONS:**

The registrar will transfer a registration to the inoperative situation in the following instances;

- (1) Official transfer not carried out.
- (2) Non financial membership of owner.
- (3) Horses being the property of members who have been expelled, suspended, resigned or otherwise no longer an active financial member of the association.

**WHEN A REGISTRATION IS PLACED INTO THE INOPERATIVE SITUATION:**

- (1) The horse will not be eligible to compete in classes designated for foal recorded or registered stock at shows, gymkhanas, competitions and any Pinto class/competition  
OR The horse will not be eligible to compete in classes designated for foal recorded or registered stock at shows, gymkhanas, competitions and any Pintaloosa class/competition
- (2) Stallions will not be provided with service certificates.  
Registrations will be transferred to the active situation when the disqualifying condition has been rectified.

**20. DE-REGISTRATION:**

- (a) The Registrar may cancel or amend the registration of any Pinto or Pintaloosa if;
  - (1) Any error is found to exist in the registration.
  - (2) It develops any of the hereditary defects nominated in Rule 10 (c).
  - (3) It is a stallion which becomes infertile.
  - (4) It develops characteristics inconsistent with the approved Pinto & Pintaloosa type or coat pattern

- (5) It develops or subsequently exhibits characteristics or traits rendering it an unsuitable representation of a Pinto or Pintaloosa
- (6) The owner requests that the horse be de-registered.
- (b) The registrar may cancel the registration of any descendants of a de-registered Pinto or make such correction in the records as becomes necessary.
- (c) De-registration shall not constitute disqualification from re-registration except in the cases where the horse or pony develops characteristics disqualifying it from registration.
- (d) All de-registrations must be presented to the next general meeting of the Society and depending entirely upon the circumstances involved, a refund all or part of the registration fee may be decided. All other monies previously paid by the registered owner will be forfeited.

**21. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP:**

- (a) It shall not be the duty of the Society to enforce any contract or agreement between buyers and vendors.
- (b) Before a transfer is recorded the transferee must be or become a financial member of the Society.
- (c) Where the vendor (seller) is not a financial member and/or is not available or will not sign an Application for transfer, at the discretion of the Society the purchaser may submit an application for transfer to his or her name provided that it is accompanied by proof of ownership; either Bill of Sale or statutory declaration.
- (d) Within sixty (60) days of sale or change in ownership of a registered Pinto or Pintaloosa, the transferee must forward to the Society the registration certificate together with the application for transfer signed by him/herself and the vendor, accompanied by the applicable fee.
- (e) The transfer fee is payable by the transferee.
- (f) If any of the above conditions are not met a penalty may be imposed. If the penalty is not met then the registration will be rendered inoperable.
- (g) If an application for transfer is not made before a Pinto or Pintaloosa is exported from Australia to another country, the registration will be rendered inoperable.

**22. LEASING:**

- (a) For the lease of a horse to be recognised by the Society; for whatever purposes, the appropriate Lease Notification form must be filed with the Society. It shall not be the duty of the Society to enforce any contract or agreement between both leaser and lessee.
- (b) The form must be signed by both the leaser and lessee or their nominee. If either lessee or leaser are under 19 years of age then the signature of a parent or guardian will be required.
- (c) The notice shall provide the effective date of lease and provide a termination date signed by both leaser and lessee.
- (d) A fee will be charged to record a lease. No additional fee shall be charged for termination whether automatic or by subsequent notice thereof. Lease forms must be lodged with the Society within 30 days of the lease date becoming effective.
- (e) All certificates of registration must be lodged with the registrar during the period of a lease.

**23. CASTRATION OF STALLIONS:**

- (a) When a registered stallion or recorded colt is castrated the registered owner must notify the Society within (60) sixty days and return the registration certificate. The Pinto or Pintaloosa will be transferred to the gelding division and a new certificate issued.
- (b) Failure to comply with conditions of Clause 23(a) will render the registration inoperative and the gelding will not attract the facilities of the association.

**24. DEATH OF REGISTERED STOCK:**

- (a) The registered owner must notify the association of the death of any Pinto or Pintaloosa and return the registration certificate for endorsement.
- (b) The certificate will be returned when the office records have been altered.

**25. BRANDING:**

- (a) Branding is recommended but not compulsory for registered stock.
- (b) Branding must be carried out in compliance with state law.
- (c) If desired the horse may be branded with the breeding number over the last number of the year of foaling provided such brand is positioned in compliance with state law.
- (d) Where no state law exists numerical branding must be on the right shoulder and identification brand must be on the left shoulder.

**26. AGE OF THE HORSE:**

The age of the horse shall be calculated on the basis of a year commencing on the first day of August of the breeding season foaled

**27. BREEDING:**

- (a) The association will record all pedigree information providing authenticated documentation can be substantiated.

**28. DISTINCTION AWARDS:**

- (a) A point score system will be determined by the committee. Please refer to the Competition & Show Rules and Regulations for a description. This may be amended from time to time; members will be kept informed of changes.
- (b) All members who compete with their Pintos or Pintaloosas in various competitions and events are encouraged to nominate annually for awards with the Society – a record of all results achieved will kept by the elected Point Score officer and results will be calculated at the end of each year for the Societies Awards Presentation.
- (c) Points will be allocated for Register of Merit and Awards annually upon receipt of a nomination form and applicable fee.
- (d) Junior members aged 17 at time of membership application or renewal each year may, upon turning 18 during that year, continue to compete in youth classes and be eligible for youth awards until the 31<sup>st</sup> December of that year. Junior members who reach the age of 18 during the financial year may opt to upgrade to an Adult membership should they wish to attend meetings and be entitled to vote and or become an Amateur Owner for the remainder of the year.

**29. DRUGS: PROHIBITED USE OF DRUGS – SEE SHOW RULES and REGULATIONS.**

- (a) Penalties may apply at any show run by the Society or any other horse organisation or agricultural show societies that provide Pinto classes or Pintaloosa classes and conduct swabbing for drugs.
- (b) The registered owner of any Pinto or Pintaloosa returning a positive swab will be penalised as follows.  
1st Offence - 12 months suspension from showing Pintos or Pintaloosas either in the registered owners name or any other person's name. 2nd Offence - Cancellation of membership for life.

**30. RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- (a) No member shall refuse on reasonable request to assist the Society and its officers in locating, identifying and inspecting an animal in his or her ownership or control which has been registered or for which application to register has been made.
- (b) The Society reserves the right to appoint an official to inspect any animal which may be considered questionable in any respect, the owner of the animal will be responsible for taking the horse to a designated inspection site.
- (c) Costs incurred by the Society while carrying out the inspection shall be met by the owner/member.

**31. JUNIOR MEMBERS:**

It is mandatory for ALL Junior Members to wear an approved safety helmet in all situations; ie: lead line, youth under saddle etc, at any show conducting Pinto classes in which the Junior member participates

**32. AMENDMENTS:**

Amendments may be made to these rules and regulations provided that notice of motion is in writing and signed by not less than three financial members and presented at an ordinary general meeting, the amendments are dealt with and approved by two thirds of the voters present at the next ordinary general meeting. The Rules and Regulations will be revised every 3 years.

## **INDEPENDENT PINTO HORSE SOCIETY**

### **1. CODE of ETHICS**

#### **THIS APPLIES TO ALL MEMBERS.**

1. This code of ethics is hereby adopted as part of the Rules & Regulations of the Independent Pinto Horse Society.
2. (a) If a member or members are found to be in violation of this code of ethics in a nature serious enough then the matter may be dealt with under the auspices of Rule 9, article (g) of the Constitution.  
(b) The Committee may reprimand, suspend or exclude any member from the Society or Deregister any horse/pony of which the member is the registered owner if the Society considers the member to be in breach of any of the Society's regulations or if their conduct is seen as derogatory or prejudicial to the interests of the Society.
3. In every situation the welfare of the Independent Pinto Horse Society, the Pinto horse and the Pintaloosa horse shall be paramount over other considerations.
4. It shall be considered unethical practice for any member against whom a complaint has been made, to attempt to influence the committee members or any other member by duress or intimidation of a sort, prior to the complaint having been resolved according to the Society's Constitution and Rules & Regulations.

#### **CONDUCT OF MEMBERS**

5. Each member shall strictly observe and act in conformity with and not otherwise than in accordance with the Constitution and all Rules & Regulations of the Society. Any member guilty of a breach of this code may be called upon by the committee to resign his/her membership.
6. No member shall so conduct himself/herself or be guilty of such conduct as to bring the Pinto Horse Society into disrepute or to bring himself/herself as a member into disrepute.
7. (a) If it shall appear that any member may have been guilty of any breach of the provisions of the Independent Pinto Horse Society Constitution or Rules & Regulations, or be guilty of any misconduct, the Secretary shall, if requested to do so by the committee, call upon said member to appear before the committee and the committee may make such enquiry as it considers appropriate in the circumstances, and may in the exercise of its judgment either reprimand said member or impose on said member a penalty suitable as agreed upon by the committee as it see's fitting to the circumstances.  
If the committee deems it necessary to request said member to resign his/her membership, the member shall first be notified of the alleged breach and shall be given a reasonable period of time to answer any charge against him/her and to provide any explanation or evidence he/she may consider appropriate and an opportunity shall be afforded to said member to appear before the committee to furnish such evidence or explanation as the circumstances warrant.  
(b) If any member fails to supply the Secretary with requested information, registration certificates or other documents within thirty (30) days, unless a satisfactory explanation is supplied, the committee may give consideration to and request said members' resignation.  
(c) If a member is asked to tender resignation of membership and fails to do so within thirty (30) days the member at the termination of thirty (30) will be cease to be a member of the Society with all membership rights terminated. A notice of membership termination will also be published in the next edition of the newsletter which due date for publication falls after the membership has been terminated.

### **DISRESPECT of PERSON**

8. In the furtherance of their official duties all Society representatives shall be treated with courtesy, co-operation and respect; no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

### **OWNERS and BREEDERS**

9. Owners and Breeders shall avoid use of false, misleading and misapplied statements, advertisements and the like concerning horses offered for sale or for stud purposes.

10. Owners or Breeders shall not publically disparage the horse of another owner or breeder, nor publically volunteer an opinion of another owner's horse or a transaction to which he/she is not a party. If his/her private opinion is sought, and he/she sincerely feels qualified to answer, that opinion shall be given privately and with courtesy and integrity.

11. An owner or Breeder (and/or their agents or employees) shall use reasonable care in the handling and treatment of his/her own horses and those placed in his/her care.

### **EXHIBITORS**

12. Conduct of Owners & Exhibitors in the ring and on the show grounds shall be exemplary at all times. At no time shall an owner or exhibitor conduct himself/herself in a manner which may adversely affect the exhibition of his/her own or any other person's horse. Whilst on the grounds at any venue Owners & Exhibitors shall be required to conduct themselves and their children in a considerate manner.

13. Owners and Exhibitors shall not attempt to influence Judges or appointed officials in any way prior to or after an event, nor shall they accuse the Judge of favouritism or accepting bribery of any form. Legitimate protests must be lodged in accordance with correct procedures.

14. All competitors shall remain in the ring or display area until dismissed by an official.

### **JUDGES, STEWARDS and OFFICIALS**

The Independent Pinto Horse Society shall expect all Judges and their Stewards/Officials of approved or sponsored shows to understand and abide by the following:

15. A Judge is expected to show the highest standard of integrity toward the Pinto or Pintaloosa Horse and its handlers/riders at all times and shall avoid arriving at decisions made by influence, bias, reputation or ignorance.

16. A Judge is expected to have a clear understanding and knowledge of the standards of the Pinto or Pintaloosa Horse as per the Independent Pinto Horse Society requirements and shall in no way be accused of bias by placing a personally preferred 'Breed' or colour over that of another horse of the same standard.

**The Independent Pinto Horse Society maintains that adherence to this code is important to the integrity of the Society and the Pinto and Pintaloosa horses registered in their name.**

**By becoming a member with the Independent Pinto Horse Society each individual is in agreement to abide by this code of ethics.**

## **2. SOCIAL NETWORKING POLICY**

The Independent Pinto Horse Society understands that members of the Society participate in social networking sites (e.g. Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn) and chat rooms, and create and maintain personal websites, including blogs.

The Independent Pinto Horse Society respects member's online social networking and personal Internet use. However, your online presence may, in some situations affect the Independent Pinto Horse Society as your words, images, posts, and comments may reflect on the Society.

As a Society Member, you should be mindful to use electronic media responsibly and respectfully to others. Because member's online comments and postings can impact the Independent Pinto Horse Society, the Society has adopted the following guidelines that members should observe when participating in social networking sites and/or engaging in other forms of Internet use.

It shall be considered a breach of acceptable Member conduct to post on any public or private website or other forum, including but not limited to discussion lists, newsgroups, listservs, blogs, information sharing sites, social media sites, social or business networking sites such as LinkedIn, Facebook, or MySpace, chat rooms, telephone based group communications such as Twitter, or any other electronic or print communication format, any of the following:

- (1) Anything that may harm the goodwill or reputation of the Independent Pinto Horse Society or any disparaging information about the Independent Pinto Horse Society, including material which is inaccurate, misleading or fraudulent;
- (2) Any comments or remarks, material or information which is, or has the potential to be disparaging, offensive, aggressive, defamatory, threatening, discriminatory, obscene, profane, harassing, intimidating, bullying, hateful, racist, sexist or otherwise inappropriate; concerning any committee member, general member or other person/s associated with the Independent Pinto Horse Society, as well as any comments, remarks or information which is, or has the potential to be disparaging, offensive, defamatory, threatening, discriminatory or otherwise inappropriate concerning any Pinto owned or leased by a Society member. The Society's policies prohibiting harassment apply offline as well as online;
- (3) Any confidential information, or intellectual property of the Independent Pinto Horse Society obtained during your membership, including information relating to finances, plans and policies must, material which is in breach of laws, court orders, undertakings or contracts;
- (4) Any private information relating a member or other person/s associated with the Independent Pinto Horse Society

We expect all people bound by this policy to conduct themselves appropriately when using social networking sites to share information related to our Society and to respect and maintain the privacy of others; and promote the Pinto and Pintaloosa in a positive way.

Society members who violate the Independent Pinto Horse Society's Social Networking Policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of membership.