

# **LONE OAK SADDLE CLUB BY-LAWS**



## **Article I**

The name of this organization is Lone Oak Saddle Club and is located at 4691 Louise Road, Cumberland Furnace, TN 37051. The Lone Oak Saddle Club is a non-profit horse club striving to represent the interest of horse riders and horse enthusiasts on a community level. The club offers shows and programs that follow the rules and regulations set forth by each event. The by-laws that are presented in this document are the governing laws for the stated club. A full body of

Officers are elected by the members of the club. These officers serve the members by adhering to the needs and desires of its members within the guidelines directed by rules and regulations of the Tennessee State sanctioned non-profit organization. Any reference to "club" herein shall refer to Lone Oak Saddle Club.

## **Article II**

### **Purpose And Objectives**

Section 1: To promote and cultivate cooperation and friendly relationship within and between the members of this club.

Section 2: To establish a calendar of dates for all riding events to be held during the year.

Section 3: To publicize the activities of the club, and in doing so, stimulate and increase interest in the recreational possibilities in the area

## **Article III**

### **Membership**

Section 1: Active membership in this club shall be granted to all persons upon payment of the annual dues.

Section 2: Lone Oak Saddle Club reserves the right to refuse or terminate any membership at any time for any reason.

Section 3: Membership shall run from January 1st to December 31st and is renewable in October of the current year.

Section 4: Individual members shall automatically become affiliated with the Tennessee Saddle Club Association upon payment of annual dues and shall be eligible to qualify for the T.S.C.A. State Show.

Section 5: All dues are to be paid in full before any points will accumulate for that person for year end awards.

Section 6: All Memberships of Youth, Single, or Family gives that membership only One Vote.

Section 7: Membership in the club means a person's acceptance of all club rules.

## **Article IV**

### **Membership Dues**

Section 1: Membership fees will be \$50 per Family, \$40 per Single Adult 18 and over, and \$25 per single youth 17 and under. Daily ride fees will be \$20 per family membership, \$15 per Single Adult membership, and \$10 per youth 17 and under membership.

Section 2: A family shall be defined as a mother, father, and all unmarried children 17 and under living as one household.

Section 3: GRANDPARENT CLAUSE: Grandparents may sign their young grandchild aged 9 and under onto their family membership. This can be denied if misused.

Section 4: Any active member, 18 years of age or older (or a parent of an active youth member) is qualified to be an officer.

## **Article V**

### **Duties Of Officers And Directors**

Section 1: The Officers of the club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: Any active member, 18 years of age or older (or parent or legal guardian of a qualified youth member), is qualified to be an officer.

Section 3: If an officer is absent from a meeting, the President may appoint a temporary to serve for that meeting. When an officer has missed 3 meetings without sufficient reason, the office may be declared vacant by the vote of the

remaining officers. The President shall fill any vacancy by appointing another officer for the remainder of the calendar year.

Section 4: The President shall preside at all meetings and represent the cooperation in all matters. The President shall have the power to appoint and assist as needed. The President shall also work with the Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer to maintain flow of the club. The President and Vice President shall have the authority to enforce rules and regulations set forth and the power to suspend any member whose conduct is not in the best interest of the club.

Section 5: The Vice President shall be in charge in the absence of the President.

Section 6: The Secretary shall keep a written record of all Corporation meetings, attendance records, and maintaining mailing addresses.

Section 7: The Treasurer shall pay bills, sign checks along with the president, and take care of all corporation financial transactions, but only when authorized by the direction of the President. The treasurer will preserve and keep all financial records and correspondence of the club, and issue notices of delinquent dues.

## Article VI

### Election Of Officers

Section 1: The officers of this corporation shall be nominated from the floor by the members in October. Elections shall be held at the general meeting in October. Those members elected shall take office on the first Saturday in January following their election and shall serve a one year term. The president shall stay in office until the diminishing of the club.

### LONE OAK SADDLE CLUB GENERAL RULES

Rule 1. Participants must sign a release form to ride at the club

Rule 2. Riders shall ride responsibly at all times.

Rule 3. Riders shall be ready for their class in a timely manner.

Rule 4. All Judges decisions are final. No one will be allowed to Protest the judge's decision.

Rule 5. Uncontrollable, unruly horses or people shall be asked to leave the grounds and forfeit all fees paid for the day.

Rule 6. No stallions will be handled by any person 17 years and under. Stallion is defined as any un-gelded male horse.

Rule 7. Abuse to horses will not be allowed inside or outside of the Arena! No person shall excessively strike in front of the cinch. No person shall excessively whip or spur any horse. Concerns of abuse should be reported to an officer.

Infractions may lead to ejection from the club by Officers. **NO SORED HORSES ALLOWED ON GROUNDS!!**

Rule 8. Boots with a heel and pants required. HELMETS are encouraged and strongly recommended in ALL SPEED EVENTS! It will be MANDATORY for any Youth riders 17 & under to wear an Ansi approved helmet in speed events!

Rule 9. Non members may not ride to qualify for year end awards or the TN State Show.

Rule 10. To qualify for Year End Awards a person is required to be a member and have ridden or participated in at least 3 shows.

Rule 11. Points for Year End Awards shall begin on the day membership is paid, prior to classes starting.

Rule 12. Points shall be given to **members only** in this order:

1st place - 5 points

2nd place - 4 points

3rd place - 3 points

4th place - 2 points

5th place - 1 point

All class participants not placing in the top 5 will get ½ point (must have ridden in the class not just signed up)

Rule 13. The top 5 placings in each TSCA approved class will qualify for the TSCA State Show. If any of the top 5 riders opt not to enter, the next in order will be able to enter.

Rule 14. You must ride 3 times to qualify to go to the TSCA state show.

Rule 15. No consumption of alcoholic beverages on club grounds

Rule 16. No Dogs allowed due to insurance purposes.

Rule 17. No person or horse will be allowed onto the neighboring properties adjoining Lone Oak Saddle Club at any time!

Rule 18. Horses will not be allowed in certain areas which will be marked.(concessions, announcers booth, signup area)

Rule 19. All members will be required to work 3 times to be eligible for year end awards.(Others can work for you to fulfill this rule)

### Awards

There shall be an annual awards banquet to recognize outstanding achievement by club members and to present High Point Awards. The Awards Banquet will be held in conjunction with officer elections.