



QPAA Inc Rules and Regulations

Quarter Pony Association Australia Inc

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Quarter Pony Association Australia Inc

Established:

RULES & REGULATIONS:

The Quarter Pony Association Australia Inc may be referred to as “the Association” “the Assn” or QPAA in these Rules & Regulations.

1. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:

- (a) To become a member of the QPAA the approved application form for membership must be completed and returned with the applicable fee to the Secretary.
- (b) A member is not required to own a Quarter Pony however an ‘Associate membership’ will be required if showing a Quarter Pony for another financial member (2.c)
- (c) The QPAA reserves the right to accept or reject any application for membership
- (d) To register a horse with the QPAA the owner must be a financial Assn member

2. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP:

- (a) **Family Membership** – being a family that consists of 2 Adults and any or all 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 assn; either for business or pleasure, a professional trainer or non-Quarter Pony 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 who reach the age of 18 during the first half of the financial year (1st day of August to the last day of January of the next year) will be issued an Adult membership – they will be entitled to vote and may apply to become an Amateur Owner.

Junior members aged 17 at time of membership application or renewal each year who, upon turning 18 during the second half of the financial year (1st day of Feb to the last day of July of the financial year) will be issued Youth membership for the financial year.

* Junior members are only permitted to have 2 Quarter Ponies registered in their name, excluding Stallions.

- (e) **Amateur Owner** – 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 an Amateur Owner card 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 Assn. 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 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. QUARTER PONY CATEGORIES:

- (a) Regular Registry – verified height from 11.2hh up to and including 14.2hh.
- (b) Over Height Registry - Quarter Pony verified height exceeds 14.2 hh but does not exceed 15.0 hh
- (c) Foal Recording – Quarter Pony foals, up to the age of 2 are foal recorded.
- (d) Breeding Purposes Only - This register is for owners that wish to have Stallions or Mares approved by QPAA for breeding purposes to produce Quarter Pony offspring. Stallions/Mares holding this registration may not show in Quarter Pony classes.

A Quarter Pony in either Regular Registry, Over Height Registry or Foal Recorded has verified parentage of Quarter Pony or Quarter Horse / Western/ Stock Horse type breeding; or verifiable Quarter Horse / Western / Stock Horse type breeding; or may be an approved pony of Quarter Horse/ Western/ Stock Horse type registered with an approved Association or may be approved under the hardship clause:

- Hardship is for ponies where both parents are unknown or not with an approved registry.
- Ponies must exhibit good quarter pony type & conformation as determined by the Committee.
- Ponies must meet height requirements.

6. REGISTRATION & RECORDING:

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

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.

- (a) As the QPAA is a height specific breed registry some foals may mature over the standard height in which case they will be transferred to the Over Height Register.
- (b) Height verification ages: adult applications (from 3 years of age) will be required to submit a current height verification at time of application submission. If the applicant is less than 6 years of age a second height verification will be required upon the pony reaching 6 years of age and a height certificate will be issued. Applicants aged 6 or older; will submit their height verification and will be issued a height certificate.
- (c) Any registered livestock maturing over the height of 15.hh will no longer meet criteria and will be de-registered following an official review by the Committee. Those maturing under the height limit of 11.2hh by 6 years of age (as of 1st Aug) will be de-registered following an official review by the Committee.

- (d) Any Quarter Pony who holds a registration certificate with another Quarter Pony Association may apply to register with QPAA. Copies of the registration certificate and height certificate must be supplied with the application. New height verification may not be required if the applicant holds a valid height certificate.

THE ASSOCIATION MAINTAINS THE FOLLOWING REGISTERS FOR IDENTIFYING STOCK:

(a) Foal Recording:

Foals up to the age of 2 must register for Colt, Filly or Gelding foal recording.

Four (4) photos must accompany the application with the applicable fee 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)

All foal recorded Colts, Fillies or geldings **must** be upgraded upon reaching the age of 3 years (d.o.b as of 1 Aug) The Foal Recording certificate will clearly display the date the foal is to be upgraded by. There will be a 2 month period allowed from the 1st Aug to provide the required height verification.

(b) Upgrading from Foal Recording:

- (1) Colts upgrading to Stallion must provide a current Veterinary Certificate, 4 new photos, 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 upgrade form but must provide a copy of the relevant upgraded registration from its respective breed association.

- (3) Colts which are gelded - a copy of the Veterinary Certificate stating gelding date must be supplied. 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) Regular Register & Over Height Register:

(for Foal Recorded upgrades and new adult applications over the age of 2)

- (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 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) All registrations aged over 2 but less than 6 will be required to submit a height verification upon attaining the age of 6 (as of 1st Aug) The registration certificate will display the date the final height verification is required by. There will be a 2 month period allowed from the 1st Aug to provide the required height verification.

- (5) Any application shall be declined if the applicant shows any characteristics described in rule 7.

- (6) The committee reserves the right to accept or reject any application for registration or request a height check at any time.

7. HORSES INELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION:

- (a) Any applicant presenting with characteristics not representative of the Quarter Pony type.
- (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, Sickie 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.
- (c) The assn has the right to accept or reject any application for registration if deemed not suitable.

8. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION:

- (a) Application for adult registration or foal recording will only be accepted from financial QPAA 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 owner whenever possible.
- (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) Height verification as required
 - (6) The applicant being a current financial member.
 - (7) The veterinarian certificate for stallions aged over 2 years.
 - (8) 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.

9. PHOTOGRAPHS:

- (a) Four photographs of the horse must accompany applications. The Assn accepts photographs in printed form on photo quality paper or emailed images (JPG)
 - *One side view of nearside
 - *One side view of offside
 - *One front view – as square as possible.
 - *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 hooves 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 Assn.

10. NAMING THE HORSE:

- (a) Members owning Quarter Pony 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 assn/society coming into the registry of the assn 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 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.

11. CHANGE OF HORSE'S NAME:

The name of a recorded or registered Quarter Pony shall not be changed unless the assn. 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 registered Quarter Pony, the member must apply to the Committee to request a change of name. A prescribed fee will be applicable and must be paid.

12. 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 livestock already identified or registered with the previous name prefix will retain that prefix. Only new applications will carry the new name prefix.

13. 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.

14. REPLACEMENT OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES:

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

15. 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.

16. SUSPENDED REGISTRATIONS:

The registrar will transfer a registration to the suspended situation in the following instances.

- (1) Official transfer not carried out.
- (2) Nonfinancial 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 SUSPENDED SITUATION:

- (1) The horse will not be eligible to compete in classes designated for foal recorded or registered stock at shows (Quarter Pony competitions)
- (2) Stallions will not be provided with service certificates.
Registrations will be transferred to the active situation when the disqualifying condition has been rectified.

17. DE-REGISTRATION:

- (a) The Registrar may cancel or amend the registration of any Quarter Pony if;
 - (1) Any error is found to exist in the registration.
 - (2) It develops any of the hereditary defects nominated in Rule 7.
 - (3) It is a stallion which becomes infertile.
 - (4) It develops characteristics inconsistent with the approved type.
 - (5) It develops or subsequently exhibits the characteristics or traits of a (but not limited to) Saddlebred, or Gaited Horse; or Clydesdale, Gypsy Cobb or Heavy Horse
 - (6) The owner requests that the horse be de-registered.
 - (7) In the extreme case of owner misconduct of such serious nature that the committee be required to discuss via a meeting the nature of the matter, the registration/s of said owners livestock may be revoked.
- (b) The registrar may cancel the registration of any descendants of a de-registered Quarter Pony 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 Quarter Pony develops characteristics disqualifying it from registration.
- (d) All de-registrations must be presented to the committee at a meeting, 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.

18. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP:

- (a) It shall not be the duty of the Assn 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 Assn.
- (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 Assn 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 Quarter Pony, the transferee must forward to the Assn 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.

19. LEASING:

- (a) For the lease of a horse to be recognised by the Assn; for whatever purposes, the appropriate Lease Notification form must be filed. It shall not be the duty of the Assn 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 18 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 Assn. 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.

20. CASTRATION OF STALLIONS:

- (a) When a registered stallion or recorded colt is castrated, the registered owner must notify the Assn within (60) sixty days and return the registration certificate. The pony will be transferred to the gelding division and a new certificate issued.
- (b) Failure to comply with conditions of Clause 20 (a) will render the registration suspended and the gelding will not attract the facilities of the association.

21. DEATH OF REGISTERED STOCK:

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

22. 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.

23. AGE OF THE HORSE:

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

24. BREEDING:

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

25. DISTINCTION AWARDS:

- (a) A point score system will be determined by the committee. Please refer to the Competition & Show Rules and Regulations for a complete description. This may be amended from time to time; members will be kept informed of changes.
- (b) All members who compete in various competitions and events are encouraged to nominate annually for awards with the Assn– a record of all results achieved will kept by the elected Awards Manager and results will be calculated at the end of each year for the Assn 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 who reach the age of 18 during the first half of the financial year (1st day of August to the last day of January of the next year) will be issued an Adult membership for the year– they may apply to become an Amateur Owner.
Junior members aged 17 at time of membership application or renewal each year who, upon turning 18 during the second half of the financial year (1st day of Feb to the last day of July of the financial year) will be issued Youth membership for the financial year can continue to compete in youth classes and be eligible for youth awards until the last day of July of that year.

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

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

27. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- (a) No member shall refuse on reasonable request to assist the Assn 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 Assn 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 Assn while carrying out the inspection shall be met by the owner/member.
- (d) Members are held responsible for ensuring they understand all rules and regulations of the Assn.

28. JUNIOR MEMBERS:

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

29. 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 on a regular basis.

QUARTER PONY ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA INC

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 Quarter Pony Association Australia Inc.
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 Assn or Deregister any horse/pony of which the member is the registered owner if the Assn considers the member to be in serious breach of any of the Assn regulations or if their conduct is seen as derogatory or prejudicial to the interests of the Assn.
3. In every situation the welfare of the Quarter pony Association Australia Inc and the Quarter Pony 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 Assn's Constitution and Rules & Regulations.

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

5. Each member shall observe and act in conformity with and not otherwise than in accordance with the Constitution and all Rules & Regulations of the Assn. 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 QPAA Inc 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 QPAA Inc 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 Assn 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 Assn 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 Quarter Pony Association Australia Inc 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 Quarter Pony, and its handlers/riders always 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 Quarter Pony as per QPAA Inc.

The Quarter Pony Association Australia Inc maintains that adherence to this code is important to the integrity of the Association and the livestock registered in their name.

By becoming a member with the QPAA Inc each individual agrees to abide by this code of ethics.

2. SOCIAL NETWORKING POLICY

The Quarter Pony Association Australia Inc understands that members of the Assn participate on social networking sites (e.g. Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn etc) and chat rooms, and create and maintain personal websites, including blogs and other social media.

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

As a QPAA Inc Member, you should be mindful to use electronic media responsibly and respectfully to others. Because member's online comments and postings can impact the QPAA Inc, the Assn 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 QPAA Inc or any disparaging information about the QPAA Inc, 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 QPAA Inc, 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 an Assn member. The QPAA Inc policies prohibiting harassment apply offline as well as online;
- (3) Any confidential information, or intellectual property of the QPAA Inc 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 QPAA Inc.

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

Society members who violate the QPAA Inc Social Networking Policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of membership.