

1 **SUBJECT: Multiple Club Membership**

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3 (STANDARD)

4 Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements

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6 Committees required to review: *(This section to be completed by the Agenda & Resolutions Committee)* Committee Action:  
Approve                      Disapprove

Board of Directors			O
Budget & Finance Committee			
Executive Committee			O
Membership Committee	O		

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8 **CONVENTION ACTION:**

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10 \_\_\_\_\_ Approved                      \_\_\_\_\_ Approved with Modification                      \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved  
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12 \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn                      \_\_\_\_\_ Referred to Committee \_\_\_\_\_

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14 **PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one)** \_\_\_\_\_ Add new rule                      \_\_\_\_\_ Delete existing rule                       Change existing text  
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) MEM 104

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17 **RESOLUTION:** Use *bold/italic* for new wording, ~~striketrough~~ to indicate deletion

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19 Whereas,                      There is a need to continue to perform outreach to the general public to invite them to join the Arabian  
20    Horse Community, and  
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22 Whereas,                      The majority of the outreach comes from AHA clubs,  
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24 Whereas,                      The clubs provide an atmosphere to join together with like minded individuals, and  
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26 Whereas,                      The number of clubs across North American is declining as well as the size of many of the clubs, and  
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28 Whereas,                      Without a strong club structure, the Arabian exposure to bring in new owners & riders cannot flourish  
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30 Whereas,                      Without a strong club structure, there will be no one to put on the local shows and rides, and  
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32 Whereas,                      Some individuals wish to belong to more than one AHA club to participate in each individual club's  
33    opportunities and  
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35 Whereas,                      Many individuals have gone to internet clubs to support a specific discipline, trainers, distance, etc. which  
36    has greatly affected the size of the local clubs, and  
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38 Whereas,                      The most successful clubs that put on events have a variety in the type of their members to include trainers,  
39    amateurs, exhibitors, youth and Arabian enthusiasts, and  
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41 Whereas                      In the proponents opinion, AHA should promote club memberships by making it easier and less expensive  
42    to participate in multiple clubs both Local and Internet, Therefore be it  
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44 Resolved,                      That MEM 104 GENERAL RULES FOR MEMBERSHIP be amended by inserting a new Paragraph 8  
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46                      8. An Adult Individual member may join more than one club by having the member declare one club as their original  
47    club and any other club(s) as additional club(s) and receive a discount of \$25 for each club after the original one for  
48    a 1 year membership.  
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50                      a. The end date for the memberships shall be that of the original club, except for individual with life membership,  
51    their additional club memberships shall be a calendar year,

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- b. The AHA member shall have full voting rights in each AHA club and
- c. The member can only be a delegate for one club each year at the AHA convention, but that individual will count for each club’s delegate count, and; Be It Further

Resolved, That the fee structure of multiple club membership will be effective on April 1, 2025

Effective: December 31, 2024

(If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)

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RESOLUTION TYPE (**REQUIRED**): Standard   X   Extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_ “If indicated as “Extraordinary”, the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)

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PROPOSERS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements

There will be a need to be a change to the sign-up process for clubs to designate one club as the original club and subsequent clubs as additional clubs. Therefore, the sign-up form will need to change and the back office to track one member in multiple clubs so the accounting is correct. The IT department will need time to implement the necessary changes and in the past we have always started the membership changes on the fiscal year start. IT has other projects so 4/1/24 is not realistic. Currently approximately 204 members belong to multiple clubs and with the discount of \$25, that is a decrease of \$5350. However, in the future there is the desire for more people to join a local club and not just an internet club. Those members will be new income for AHA in the amount of \$30 for each club that they join if the membership increase is approved. In the survey to AHA members (33% responded), 46% said they would like to belong to multiple clubs. The \$25 is a discount of about 50% rounded to the nearest \$5 amount.

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AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

See above.

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SUBMITTED BY: Membership Committee Region Number:

Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (*check one* )

Who voted:  Members  Board  Delegates (*check voting body*)

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 35 Number of Yes votes: 35 Number of No votes: 0

How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum with majority of yes votes*)

Where documentation of this vote is recorded: With the Chair (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

Date vote taken: August 9-14, 2023

Contact Person: Shannon Bedell (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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