

# Arabian Horse Association Membership Structure Q & A

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## Will there be a late fee with on renewed memberships?

A late fee of \$10 will be applied when a membership is renewed after the last day of the month in which it expires.

## What are the expiration dates for membership?

A membership expires the following year on the last day of the month in which a member joined. For example, if an individual joins AHA on March 8, 2006, that membership expires March 31, 2007.

## How are membership renewal notices sent?

A notice of renewal will be **emailed** to all members with email addresses on file approximately three months prior to the expiration date of their membership. Approximately two months prior to the expiration date another **email** notice will be sent and a printed notice will be **mailed** to each individual member. One month prior to the membership expiration date a printed renewal notice will be **mailed** again. One month past membership expiration date the member will receive a final **email** notice.

Renewal notices will be sent to each individual member. Members in **linked** clubs (like WAHA) can choose to renew online, renew over the phone, return their renewal notice to the membership chair or mail the renewal notice directly to AHA. Renewal notices include the most current address, email address, telephone number, birth date and initial year of joining (no earlier than 1950) that AHA has on file. Corrections to member information should be made on these notices or submitted to your membership chair.

## Who will need to purchase a Competition Card?

The AHA Competition Card is required for individual members (adult and youth) who compete, members who own horses that compete, and officials who officiate at recognized AHA events or members who participate in AHA award programs (Achievement Awards, Amateur Achievement Awards, Dressage Programs, Distance Horse Program). This includes AHA recognized shows and endurance and competitive trail rides. In addition, anyone using open events to qualify for Regionals or Nationals will require a competition card.

The Competition Card is not required for the AHA Incentive Riding Programs (Competitive Distance, Frequent Rider, Open Event Incentive and Community Shows).

The Competition Card is also available to those who want to take advantage of the AHA Excess Personal Liability Insurance program. This insurance benefit is available to only those individuals who hold an AHA Competition Card. This coverage is a \$1,000,000 personal excess liability policy, which covers **legal liability** for bodily injury and property damage resulting from horse-related accidents in the course of the member's personal activities. This coverage applies to personal use or ownership of a horse, whether for pleasure riding, stabling or showing. The expiration of this excess liability insurance policy will be tied to the expiration date of the membership.

## How does the Competition Card work?

Competition Cards will be issued to individual members ONLY. The Competition Card may be purchased at the same time as membership or anytime within the anniversary year; however, the Competition Card will expire at the same time as a membership. For example, if you become a member in January 5, 2006, and don't purchase a Competition Card until February 18, the Competition Card will expire on January 31, 2007 just like the membership card. You cannot purchase a Competitive Card without a membership.

## What Membership Card will I receive?

Membership cards will be sent directly to the individual members by AHA. If membership and club affiliation only are purchased, the member will receive a MEMBER card. If a Competition Card is purchased, the member will receive a COMPETITION card. The card will show the member's name and address, membership number, club name, valid dates of membership and how long the individual has been a member of AHA.

## Do I need a Competition Card to be a club officer or delegate?

No. You must pay your AHA dues as an individual Adult Member and pay the local club dues. An AHA individual Adult Member whose name appears on a membership list of a member organization is granted the rights to:

1. Vote in his/her member organization
2. Be counted towards the delegation strength of that member organization
3. Have the opportunity to be a Voting Delegate at the Annual Convention

## Do I need a Competition Card to participate in WAHA futurity and points systems?

No. You are required to be a full member of WAHA to participate in the futurity program. Full members and associate members may participate in WAHA's point system program. Neither program requires an AHA competition card.

## Who can join online?

Individuals may transact the following business online:

- Join AHA
- Join a club (Linked Clubs Only)
- Purchase a Competition Card

## How many delegates will my club be able to send to Convention?

Delegates for a club will be determined based on the number of paid AHA Adult Individual Members affiliated with that club whose dues have been received in the AHA office as of June 30 each year. For example, a member pays dues on July 15, 2006. That member will be counted towards the delegate count in 2007.

## Outline of the new AHA membership structure:

Membership Options			Additional Competition Options	
Membership Type	AHA Dues	WAHA Club Dues (for individuals only)	*Competition Card with Paid Club Affiliation	*Competition Card without any Club Affiliation
Adult	\$25	\$15	\$20	\$50
Youth	\$20	\$5	\$10	\$10
**Business	\$55	N/A	N/A	N/A
Life	\$1,000	?	Included	Included

\*Competition Cards will be issued to Individual Members ONLY (one name on the membership) and Excess Liability Insurance is included with each Competition Cards. Club dues collected by AHA will be for Individuals only.

\*\*The Business membership will have competition privileges for no other purpose than Recorded Ownership.