



## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE AUGUST 2020

Dear Members,

Although the Board has only recently sent you all a newsletter it was felt that there were some recent "Board Innovations" that you should be advised of before the next newsletter is due.

Changes to Membership requirements:

Following requests from a few long term members of the Society, the Board has reviewed the Regulations relating to membership requirements for the owners of Arabian Derivatives, Geldings and Arabian Performance Index horses. Many of these are never transferred as the new owners do not wish to become members of the Society. This in turn affects the integrity of the Studbook and potentially jeopardises the long-term welfare of the horse. Mandatory membership of the Society for all owners of horses is a relatively recent development, for the majority of the Society's existence only owners and lessees of Stallions and Purebred Mares were required to maintain membership and non-members could transact with an additional non-member levy added onto the normal transaction fee. Effective immediately, the following Resolution will apply:

"That Membership of the AHSA NOT be a requirement for Registration or Transfer for horses as described below:

- Transfer of Geldings, API horses of any sex and Derivative Mares
- Reciprocal registration of Geldings, API horses of any sex and Derivative Mares
- Registration of Arabian Derivatives

providing the owner doesn't own a Purebred Mare, Purebred Stallion or Derivative Stallion."

A non-member fee of \$40, in addition to the normal registration, transfer or lease fee, will apply.

Insurance is still required if owners/lessees of these horses wish to compete at AHSA or Affiliate shows. Also approved by the Board is the following motion which will be reviewed in December 2021.

"That membership of AHSA Ltd for owners of Geldings, API horses of any sex and Arabian Derivative Mares only be required in order to be eligible to show at a show that is conducted by AHSA Ltd. (ie AANC or Youth Championships). For all Affiliate Shows either AHSA Ltd or Affiliate membership will still be required."

The Rules & Regulations of the Society together with the Competition Rule Book have been amended and are available on the Society website: <http://www.ahsa.asn.au/ahsa-forms>

The Society documents are reviewed annually and will not be amended until the next review date unless there is the need, as determined by the Board, for an urgent amendment that cannot be delayed. A Member Suggestion form has been added to the [website \(under Member Forms\)](#). Members are welcome to submit this form should they feel that a Regulation or Policy should be amended, these will be collated and considered the next time the document is reviewed.

A reminder that nomination forms are also available for download on the website for the Endurance Horse of the Year, Arabian Racehorse of the Year, Arabian & Arabian Derivative Ambassador Awards, WAHO Award and Distinguished Service Awards. Nominations for these awards must be submitted prior to 30 November 2020.

Kind Regards,

Greg Liddle  
Chairman  
AHSA Board of Directors

### Staying at home saves lives

**You can help stop the spread of the virus.**

- **Distancing slows the spread of COVID-19**
- **The virus spreads mainly through coughs and sneezes**
- **You'll help protect essential resources for the sickest patients**

**#StayHome**

