

# **IAC Equestrian Team By-Laws**

## **Article 1 – Name**

1.1 The name of this organization is the It's A Cinch Equestrian Team (hereinafter referred to as the IAC Equestrian Team).

## **Article 2 – Purpose**

2.1 The IAC Equestrian Team is a non-profit organization free from taxation under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code.

2.2 The IAC Equestrian Team has been organized for the following purposes:

2.2.1 To support and encourage youth participation in equestrian sports and competition;

2.2.2 To promote and educate its members on the equestrian sport, sportsmanship and horsemanship;

2.2.3 To develop leadership skills amongst its members;

2.2.4 To promote and encourage a team environment in a traditionally individual sport;

2.2.5 To offer equestrian competition opportunities for its members.

## **Article 3 – Membership**

3.1 IAC Equestrian Team members are required to abide and adhere to all rules, regulations and guidelines set forth in these bylaws. They are also required to abide and adhere to the relevant rules, regulations and guidelines set forth by the training facilities and competitive organizations associated with the IAC Equestrian Team.

3.2 Associate Facilities

3.2.1 The IAC Equestrian Team is currently operated out of It's A Cinch Horsemanship located at 17735 S Mann Ave, Sahuarita, AZ 85629.

3.3 IAC Equestrian Team membership is limited to youth and alumni ages 8-21 that are currently enrolled in equestrian programs at the associate facility.

## **Article 4 - Registration, Team Meetings and Dues**

4.1 IAC Equestrian Team Registration is open to youth members from ages 8-18 and alumni members from ages 19-21.

4.2 The IAC Equestrian Team fiscal year runs September 1st-August 31st. As competition series often run Jan-Dec, Alumni membership is available for members aging out that wish to finish the competition season but are no longer eligible for youth membership.

4.2.1 New member registration will be open in September.

4.3 IAC Equestrian Team meetings are quarterly and Mandatory for all members.

4.3.1 Quarterly meetings will be held in the following months:

September

December

March

June

4.3.2 All meetings will be organized and run by the team coach.

4.3.3 Minutes will be recorded from each team meeting.

4.3.4 Additional meetings may be added by team coach.

4.4 Club Dues are required to be paid in full at September meeting.

## **Article 5 – IAC Equestrian Team Rules and Requirements**

5.1 **Required Lessons outside of IAC Equestrian Team Practice:** All members of the IAC Equestrian Team must be full time students at the associate facility. All members must lesson at least twice per week to maintain active membership on the IAC Equestrian Team. IAC Equestrian Team membership requires a commitment to participate in practices, lessons, and competitions. Excessive tardiness or absences from lessons, practices or competitions without the required makeups, may result in suspension from showing or removal from the team.

5.2 **Competition Attendance:** All team members are required to attend assigned competitions, either as competitors or volunteers. Competitions are an all-day event and team members are required to participate all day or until dismissed by the team coach.

5.3 **Fundraising:** Team members are required to participate in fundraising activities each year.

**5.4 Team Member Expectations:** All team members are expected to partake in packing and preparing for competitions as well as the post competition clean-up and organizing of all team or associate facility owned equipment.

## **Article 6 – Code of Conduct**

6.1 All IAC Equestrian Team members and associated attendees are expected to act in a professional and sportsmanlike manner at all practices, competitions and events. Poor sportsmanship, bullying of teammates or other competitors, rude language and/or behavior and all unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and may lead to dismissal from event(s) and/or the team.

## **Article 7 - Team Funds**

7.1 All IAC Equestrian Team funds will be run through the IAC Equestrian Team checking account. All purchases must be approved by majority of team members.