

Ontario Xtreme Cowboy

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

The name of the Association is Ontario Xtreme Cowboy, hereinafter known as "OXC".

The OXC office shall be the mailing address of the current **Secretary/Treasurer**.

Any revisions to the Constitution shall be made by vote at the Annual General Meeting with at least 10 days advance notice; revisions to by-laws may be made by majority vote at regular meetings Board of Directors with at least 10 days advance notice.

CONSTITUTION

1.0 OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 To promote the sport of Extreme Cowboy Racing in the Province of Ontario.
- 1.2 To provide an Ontario affiliate of the Extreme Cowboy Racing Association (EXCA) for access to resources and EXCA qualification in National and International Events.
- 1.3 To support OXC sanctioned competitions in the Province of Ontario.
- 1.4 To foster horsemanship and sportsmanship by providing a structure and standard for fair and consistent competition.

2.0 MEMBERS

- 2.1 ADULT--- An adult OXC membership in good standing, with current dues paid, entitles the privilege of voting and participating in OXC sanctioned events, running for office, and qualifying for eligible year--end awards.
- 2.2 YOUTH --- Youth membership is for those 18 years of age and under. The age of the individual as of January 1 will be maintained throughout the current year. Those born on January 1 shall assume the greater age as of that date. Youth membership is non-voting
- 2.3 FAMILY – A family membership covers two adults and children from the same family household, with 2 votes.

3.0 FEES

3.1 Annual membership fees are due as of January 1st.

3.2 Non-payment of fees due or NSF cheques may result in immediate suspension of membership. All NSF fees will be charged to the signatory of the cheque.

3.3 Membership may be terminated if the behaviour of a member is deemed by the Board of Directors as unbecoming to the Association.

4.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4.1 The Board of Directors shall consist of **twelve (12)** positions including Past President, President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Communications Officer, Youth Director, and **six (6)** Directors at large.

4.2 All Positions on the OXC Board of Directors will be elected bi-annually (with the exception of the Youth Director which will be elected annually) and are open to any member in good standing with the majority of Directors being current residents of the Province of Ontario. The President, Communications Director and two (2) Directors at Large will be elected one year, the Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and two (2) Directors at Large the next year. Any board position may be temporarily held in combination with one other position where deemed necessary.

4.3 In the case of an OXC Board of Director position becoming vacant, the President has the authority to appoint an interim member in good standing to the vacancy, with agreement of the board, until such time as the position can be filled by standard electoral process.

4.4 Elections will take place annually at the Annual General Meeting.

4.5 The following elected officials shall manage the affairs of OXC:

4.5.1. **PRESIDENT:** The President shall preside at all Board of Directors, General and Special meetings of OXC. A President may hold office for no more than two (2) consecutive terms.

4.5.2. **VICE-PRESIDENT:** The Vice-President shall act in the same authority as the President at the bidding of the President or if the President is unable to act by reason of resignation, death or

impeachment, and otherwise to assist with or perform the duties of the President as determined from time to time by the President. The Vice-President is expected to become President in succession.

4.5.3. SECRETARY/TREASURER: The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible to ensure the thorough and impartial recording of minutes at the Director's and Annual General Meeting and to distribute such minutes and other notices in a timely and appropriate manner. The secretary shall be responsible for maintaining OXC archives of competition results, OXC policy and meeting minutes. The S/T shall also report financial history, prepare and present budgets, and report to each Board of Directors meeting, and each General Meeting, at the request of the President or at the request of any **six (6)** Board of Director Members supply information on any and all financial matters of OXC. An independent body appointed by the board will review OXC books annually, prior to the AGM. The secretary/treasurer is a paid position, with remuneration as set in the by-laws.

4.5.4. PAST PRESIDENT: The most immediate Past-President, as an adult member in good standing of OXC, shall be a voting officer of the Board.

4.5.5. YOUTH DIRECTOR: The Youth Director will represent the concerns, perspectives and interests of youth competitors. The youth director must be 18 years of age or under as of January 1 of their year of service but as such, the Youth Director would be a non-voting member of the BOD.

4.5.6. COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR: The Communications Director shall be responsible for OXC newsletters, promotional material, website and social media maintenance, and reporting of results in accordance with the direction of the board. This is a paid position, with remuneration set in the by-laws.

4.5.7. DIRECTORS: **Six (6)** Directors at large will be elected bi-annually, ideally representing a cross-section of regional membership where possible.

4.6 The Board of Directors shall appoint Committees from time to time that shall report to the Board of Directors.

5.0 INDEMNIFICATION

5.1. Every Director, Officer or Staff person, their heirs, executors, administrators and estate and effects respectively, shall from time to time, and at all times, be indemnified and saved harmless, subject to the provisions of all applicable statutes, out of the funds of OXC from and against any liability, costs, charges and expenses that an individual(s) may sustain or incur in respect of any action, suit or proceeding that is proposed or commenced against them for or in respect of the proper execution of the duties of their office.

5.2. For the purpose of Indemnification, the term "Officer" shall be deemed to include the Members of all duly appointed Committees and Staff of OXC.

5.3. The financial liability of a Member of OXC, to the creditors of OXC, is limited to the amount due from the Member to OXC in respect of membership, registration, or other fees or charges as prescribed in the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and/or Rules of OXC.

6.0 MEETINGS

6.1 Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called a minimum of twice per year, plus the Annual General Meeting that shall take place within sixty (60) days of the year-end of December 31.

6.2 These meetings may take place in person or by teleconferencing as technology permits. Issues that arise in between formal board meetings may be dealt with using e-mail or similar technology that must be available to all board members. Voting for such interim issues will be conducted with the same requirement of quorum as regular scheduled meetings.

6.3 A quorum shall consist of half of the current Board of Directors, where one member is the President or Vice-President. A quorum at the AGM shall consist of 20 current members in good standing at the date of the vote. Votes conducted in person may be declared by a show of hands, yea or nay, or ballot; votes by teleconference or similar technology must reflect a verbal acknowledgement of each individual vote. Proxy votes are not permitted.

6.4 If a Board member misses two (2) consecutive formal meetings, including participation in electronic discussions where a vote is required, the Board shall decide if that member shall need to be replaced prior to the next election.

BYLAWS

1.0 SHOW STAFF

1.1 Judge: All sanctioned competitions will be judged by at least one EXCA qualified judge.

1.2 Show Secretary: The Show Secretary is responsible for administration duties involved with a competition and must be a current OXC member.

1.2.1 Duties include but are not limited to: Processing and approving entries received by mail, fax, or electronically.

Obtaining proof of current liability insurance coverage from all competitors.

Processing, tabulating and filing all results as per EXCA/OXC rules.

Financial accounting for the show.

Sending complete results of all EXCA/OXC entries to Secretary/Treasurer and EXCA.

1.2.2 The Show Secretary cannot hold Show Whip, Ring Steward, Scribe or Announcer positions at same show.

1.2.3 The Show Secretary may sign or co-sign approval applications.

1.2.4 The position shall be paid at a rate of \$250 per event.

1.3 Scribe: A scribe is the person to whom the judge dictates their penalties and scores, keeping a written record on score sheets. A Scribe and Judge work as a team, but the Judge makes all final decisions and should not be influenced by a Scribe.

1.3.1 This position may receive an honorarium of \$100 per event.

1.4 Timer: The Timer is responsible for running the electronic timing eye under the instruction of the Judge. Events without an electronic timing eye and runs may need to be timed on an official OXC Stop Watch as provided by the Show Secretary.

1.4.1 The Timer is a voluntary position.

1.4.2 Should an error in timing occur that is unrelated to the competitor at any time or point during a qualified, judged run, it will

be the direction of the Judge to offer a re-ride immediately, at the end of the running order, or after a reasonable respite for horse and rider.

2.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2.1 All Board of Director positions are voluntary with the following exceptions:

2.1.1 The Secretary/Treasurer position carries an annual rate of \$600 per year.

2.1.2 The Communications Director position carries an annual rate of \$600 per year.

3.0 RULES OF COMPETITION

3.1 As an affiliate of the host organization EXCA, OXC sanctioned events shall be governed by the rules of the EXCA.

3.2 For liability compliance, all competitors at OXC sanctioned events must be OXC members in good standing.

4.0 DIVISIONS

4.1 Subject to demand, all divisions may be offered as outlined by EXCA.

4.2 Effective January 1 2017, all 8 divisions will be offered at each OXC Sanction Race as listed by EXCA.

4.3 Home division is declared by the competitor on their annual Membership Form. This will be reviewed by the Secretary/Treasurer and this will assist in determining "riding up" divisions for entries.

5.0 YEAR END AWARDS

5.1 OXC members in good standing in each division shall be eligible for OXC high point year-end award in that division. Points obtained prior to becoming

an OXC member or in non-sanctioned competition will not count towards year-end awards.

5.2 The horse and rider score will be accumulated from both qualifying and final rounds of sanctioned competitions.

5.3 Points earned in OXC sanctioned competition will only be eligible for EXCA acknowledgement for EXCA members in good standing at the date of competition.

6.0 OXC PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

6.1 The Norwood Fall Fair will be the home to the Ontario Xtreme Cowboy Provincial Championship until such a time that the Norwood Fair Board or the Board of the OXC opts to exercise a dissolution plan. Norwood Fall Fair is hosted in Norwood, ON during the Canadian Thanksgiving Weekend in October. **The OXC Provincial Championship will be one round per division.**

6.2 In order to qualify to attend the OXC Provincial Championship, you must;

6.2.a Be a member of OXC in good standing

6.2.b Compete in at least one third of the OXC sanctioned events during the racing year that offer appropriate divisions.

6.2.c Acquire enough points to attain a standing within the Top 8 of your racing division of the current calendar year.

6.2.d Entries must be made and complete as directed

6.2.e A qualified team is the combination of horse and rider that has acquired the points to earn the Top 8 Divisional Standing.

6.2.f You are permitted to qualify more than one horse/rider team, but may not exceed more than 3 per OXC Division.

6.2.g The Top 8 teams in each division will be invited and given 48 hours to respond to ontarioxtremecowboy2012@gmail.com.

6.2.h Should any of the Top 8 teams be unable to attend the OXC Provincial Championship, the positions shall be offered to any member who meets 6.2a & 6.2b on a first come first serve basis. The entry fee for these spots will have an additional 25% added.