



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 or 48 hours prior to AGM (Annual General Meeting)

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.

3.4 An OXC member in good standing may submit a written complaint with \$50.00 with regard to a violation of the constitution, bylaws or EXCA rulebook within 3 business days. The OXC Board of Directors will investigate the complaint. Once a decision is made all parties involved will be notified. If the Board of Directors supports the complaint, the \$50.00 will be returned.

3.5 Welfare of the Horse

Every horse shall be treated with dignity & respect

Any action or treatment that is deemed to be cruel, abusive or inhumane will result in immediate disqualification from the sanctioned EXCA/OXC Event.

Such disqualification shall be reported by the EXCA/OXC Event host. The EXCA/OXC Event host shall report the incident to the EXCA office within 3 business days following the EXCA/OXC Event. The EXCA Board of Directors will review the details of the incident and have the authority to take additional disciplinary action as deemed necessary.

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) Regional Directors.

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 three (3) Regional Directors will be elected one year, the Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and three (3) Regional Directors 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. Further responsibilities 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) Regional Directors will be elected bi-annually, ideally representing a cross-section of regional membership where possible with responsibilities as set in the by-laws.

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

4.7 The President & Secretary Treasurer will have the signing authority for the OXC club with regards to all matters requiring signatures.

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 conducted in person may be declared by a show of hands, yay 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.



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1.0 SHOW STAFF

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

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

1.2.1 Duties include but are not limited to: posting of patterns by division, Posting of the order of go, ensure scorecards are in order of go & ready for Judge & Scribe, entering of each scorecard in the excel EXCA spreadsheet and Scoring of each division at the end of it. Returning all scorecards to the OXC Office at the end of each show. The OXC office will provide the necessary files after closing of each race for printing.

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

1.2.3 The position of Show Secretary shall be paid at a rate of \$100 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 plus \$150.00 per race for race preparation and closure.

2.1.2 The Communications Director will maintain a budget of \$600 per year for the advertising/marketing expenses of the club.

2.1.3 Formal Written complaints regarding a director's action can be filed with the Board of Directors with a \$50.00 Fee.

2.1.4 A BOD Meeting will be called to address the formal complaint including director in question. At this meeting the director with the complaint will be able to present a written statement in defence. The remainder of the board will convene to discuss the level of discipline if in fact discipline is required with regards to the matter.

2.2 Detailed Duties of Secretary/Treasurer in addition to those listed in the constitution.

The S/T may sign event applications.

The S/T will apply for NAERIC approvals annually.

The S/T with approval of BOD will ensure insurance policy is current annually for the club. As well ensures that the not for profit registration remains current, plate renewal of obstacle trailer is current.

Before Event: S/T will receive electronic entries, process e-transfers, establish race file, establish order of go, work with judge to develop pattern, create individual scorecards. The documentation will be printed if S/T is attending event or can be emailed to Show Secretary.

After Event: S/T will create EXCA file, submit and pay EXCA Point Fees. Create pdf of results and submit to Communications Director, submit results for other organizations ie TIP, prepare and submit invoice to host of event, scan individual scorecards. Email scorecards to competitors who request them. Tabulate points in year end file. Process payouts to competitors.

2.3 Regional Directors at Large Responsibilities (Currently 6 on Board)

Be responsible for engaging with membership on local needs of the area. This could be done by attending local shows, tack swaps, clinics to meet with current & future members.

Assist in marketing OXC to the local area membership & future membership for more region visibility. This could be done by attending local shows, tack swaps, clinics to meet with current & future members.

Assist in delivering the host race packages & obtaining event contracts. Be a point of contact to assist the BOD with obtaining races, as well as help with details of any OXC events secured in their region.

Keep the OXC Board up to date on their regional news. The Regional Director would report to the BOD thru emails or BOD meetings of the regional news.

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.

3.3 Tack Requirements

All tack must be traditional western or Australian with the exception of the novice division where permitted.

The novice, young guns & youth divisions, at regular OXC sanctioned races, any saddle without a horn is permitted. Saddles without a horn will not be permitted at OXC Provincial Finals or Championship Races.

Tack and attire shall match (example: no western hat with an English saddle and britches). For English there should be an English saddle, English saddle/girth/pad, britches, field boots, and hunt cap or helmet (English breast collar, over shirt and spurs are optional)

Mechanical hackamores, tie downs, martingales, cavessons, drop nose bands and any form of gag bit or slip bit is not allowed. English riders; cavessons, drop nose bands, and any type of equipment that restricts the equine from opening its mouth freely is not allowed. Bitless bridles and combo halter/bridle bridles must be approved by the judge at the walk through.

Any bit that has a mouth piece not secured to the shank, with the exception, of the loose O ring is not allowed. Example a D ring is secured and is allowed. A bit with leverage of any size where the mouth piece is not the exact secure position between the shank and the bridle attachment is a gag or slip bit and is not allowed.

A bosalito will be considered a cavesson except in a traditional two rein set up. A bosalito will not be used with a get down rope.

It is acceptable to ride without a bridle or bareback.

3.4 Dress Code

Traditional western attire, Australian Stock attire and where applicable English attire is required.

Dress jeans or colored jeans/britches are acceptable.

All Riders shall wear long sleeve button up shirts.

Logos, with the exception of makers mark, on shirts, jackets, pants are not allowed unless approved by the EXCA office.

Shirts must be tucked in when the rider begins competition.

Riders must wear riding boots with a heel. Tennis shoes are not acceptable. Half chaps and short riding boots may replace traditional field boots.

Riders shall wear a western style hat or certified riding helmet. Ball Caps are not allowed. English riders must wear a hunt cap or approved helmet. Any youth rider, no matter the division entered, shall wear an approved certified helmet.

Chaps (with the exception of English riders with short riding boots) and spurs are optional.

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.

4.4 Riders under the age of 7 will be allowed to compete in the Young Gun division. The rider will be in control of their mount on their own & not on a leadline. If lack of safety & control is apparent, the judge may excuse the competitor from the ring and entry into future events may be restricted by OXC Board decision until the rider reaches the age of 7.

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 & rider score will be accumulated from the top 5 races during the year.

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 FINALS

6.1 The OXC Provincial Finals is the last and final race of the Ontario Xtreme Cowboy Club and is held before the EXCA World finals. The Provincial Finals is to be judged by a level 3 carded EXCA judge or higher.

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

6.2a Be a member of OXC in good standing

6.2b You must compete in 3 races for 2019.

6.2c Top 5 scores will be used for determining standings. All races will be single points for OXC calculations.

6.2d Entries must be made and complete as directed

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

7.0 Fundraising

7.1 Fundraising Coordinator & Board Members will organize various fundraising throughout the year for the club at the events.

7.2 Fallen Cowboy Fund

This fund has been established to provide assistance when a cowgirl/cowboy who is a member in good standing with OXC is in need. All monies would be collected at the shows and deposited into the primary bank account but would be maintained within the OXC Chart of Accounts as separate funds. This would keep the monies collected within the membership. Determination of where the money goes would be the responsibility of the Board of Directors, who could hold an emergency meeting to address the Fallen Cowboy situation and vote. Minutes of this meeting would be recorded for future reference.