

Arabian Horse Association Membership Structure Q & A

Outline of the New AHA Membership Structure:

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

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When does the new membership structure go into effect?

January 1, 2006 and now, no matter when you purchase your membership during the year, you can enjoy all of AHA's member benefits for a full 12 months (all memberships will expire on the last day of the expiration month).

Will there be a late fee with the new membership?

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 new 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.

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.

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 on 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 Competition Card without a membership.

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

Who can join online?

Individuals may transact the following business online:

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.

- 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 30th each year.* For example, a member pays dues on July 15, 2006.

That member will be counted toward the delegate count in 2007.