

BALLOT

PLEASE VOTE FOR OR AGAINST ON THE FOLLOWING FOUR ITEMS:

1. PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE FOR THOROUGHBRED BROODMARES

Any Thoroughbred mare, can once in her lifetime foal out a baby by an out of state Thoroughbred stallion, and that foal can be registered NM bred if the following conditions are met:

1. The mare must foal in NM.
2. She must be bred back to a NMHBA registered Thoroughbred stallion and **produce a baby that lives long enough to be registered as a NM Bred**. The mare has 2 years after the foal by the out of state Thoroughbred stallion is born to accomplish this. If the mare fails to produce another baby, dies, etc., the foal by the out of state Thoroughbred stallion is **not** eligible to be NM Bred.
3. The mare must be registered with the NMHBA prior to foaling. The typical "late fee" shall be waived.

This rule change would begin for foals being born in 2023. It would automatically sunset after 3 years unless the Rule Change is extended upon approval of NMHBA membership at the Annual Membership Meeting or through a Special Membership Meeting in 2026.

If this proposed By-Law change is approved by the membership, this language would be added to Article II Definition of the By-Laws.

FOR _____ AGAINST _____

2. PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE FOR RECIPIENT MARES

A Recipient Broodmare that is carrying an embryo by a New Mexico registered stallion, may leave the state of New Mexico, must enroll in the Export Broodmare Program, pay the \$500.00 fee, and not be required to return to New Mexico to foal for the foaling years of 2022, 2023, & 2024.

The Donor Mare must be bred in New Mexico and the embryo transfer must take place in New Mexico. Both the Donor Mare and the Recipient Mare must be entered into the Broodmare Registry. This program will sunset in 2024 and then the membership will have to vote again in order for it to continue.

If this proposed By-Law change is approved by the membership, this language would be added to Article II – Definition of the By-Laws.

FOR _____ AGAINST _____

DO NOT FORGET TO SIGN YOUR BALLOT

Print Your Name Clearly

Signature

3. PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE TO ARTICLE V-BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1 - General Powers

The business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by its Board of Trustees. The number of Trustees of the Association shall be twelve (12) (* **active Horse Breeder**) breeders composed of six (6) thoroughbred breeders and six (6) quarter horse breeders. * Each Trustee shall hold office for a term of two (2) years. A Trustee must be a voting member. The President of the Board of Trustees shall be retained as a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees for the succeeding year after his **or her** term as President has expired. The President of the Board of Trustees shall not be entitled to vote with the Board of Trustees except to break a tie vote. A nominee for Trustee must declare to the Board of Trustees whether he **or she** is (**an active Horse Breeder of**) thoroughbreds or (**an active Horse Breeder of**) quarter horses upon his **or her** nomination. A nominee for Trustee must have been a member in good standing during the twelve (12) months preceding his **or her** nomination. A Trustee must remain a member in good standing during his **or her** term as Trustee. Any Trustee who ceases to be a member in good standing (**or an active Horse Breeder**) shall be deemed to have resigned as Trustee. The terms of the Trustee shall be staggered, three (3) quarter horse and three (3) thoroughbred breeders being elected each year. *Article 5 Amended 1-25-06 to remove sentence reading "The chair shall rotate annually on this division."

Section 7 - Removal

Any Trustee may be removed by a majority vote at any properly convened regular or special meeting of the members. Amended 1-31-77: Any elected Trustee who fails to attend three (3) meetings **per year (or violates the code of conduct or ethics of the association's by-laws)** may be removed and a replacement appointment made by majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section 3 - Removal

Any person elected (**by the membership**) or appointed by the Board of Trustees may be removed by the Board of Trustees whenever in its (**the majority of the board of trustees**) judgement the best interests of the Association would be served.

***An Active Horse Breeder for the purpose of qualifying to be a NMHBA Trustee is defined as a person who registers Thoroughbred or Quarter Horse foals 1 out of the last 3 consecutive years.**

This By-Law change would add the words in bold type.

FOR _____ AGAINST _____

4. PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE TO EXPORT BROODMARE PROGRAM

Requirements for mare to leave the state during pregnancy:

- 1. A foal’s donor or recipient mare is permitted to leave the state during pregnancy under any of the following conditions: a) For veterinary procedure outside of the state with submission and approval of “permission to leave” form;
- b) To attend a sale outside of the state with submission and approval of “permission to leave” form;
- c) If the “Request for Broodmare to Leave the State” form was submitted and approved, and a \$500 fee was paid and subsequently the “Broodmare Returning to the State” form was submitted and approved.

Prior to the registration of a foal, the NMHBA may require documents such as health certificates, brand inspections, etc. in order to verify compliance with these rules.

The proposed changes would clarify that both the donor and recipient broodmares are included and delete the underlined wording that would eliminate the Broodmare Return Form. The return form is unnecessary since the same information is required on the New Mexico Bred Application.

FOR _____ AGAINST _____