

**Bylaws of the California Gymkhana Association**  
**Revised 11-2-2019 by the By Laws Committee**

**ARTICLE 1 - NAME**

This organization is known as the California Gymkhana Association, Performance Horse Obstacle Racing, and shall do business as CGA.

**ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE**

This organization shall be a nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nonprofit, and nonpolitical organization. It shall promote and further the sport of Gymkhana, Performance Horse Obstacle Racing and related horsemanship programs based upon the principles of competitiveness and recreation to satisfy the membership and public. It shall provide an attitude of wholesome sportsmanship and respect for fellow participants. It shall develop a program that will provide fun, enjoyment and competition for the membership and develop programs that promote the acquisition of skills needed to succeed in Gymkhana.

**ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP**

No person shall be allowed to ride in any sanctioned CGA horse related function without first becoming a member of CGA. Membership shall be open to all persons regardless of race, color or creed who indicate an interest in the purpose and objectives of this organization. Any member in good standing may add any agenda items at any Board of Directors meeting.

**ARTICLE 4 - POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

These Bylaws establish CGA Policy. CGA will maintain a written Procedure Manual that will define process and procedure for all operations of the organization.

**ARTICLE 5 - RULING BODY**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following:

Five (5) members of the Board of Governors, the immediate Past-President, an elected President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Eight (8) elected Board Members. The President shall appoint three (3) Regional Vice Presidents (Northern, Central and Southern) and not more than eight (8) Board Members. The President shall also appoint a non-voting Parliamentarian.

One (1) Primary Delegate from each CGA District may be appointed by that District for each Board of Directors meeting to represent that District's interests. Such appointment shall be in writing and signed by the President of the District. The Delegate is not a member of the Ruling Body. They may vote on General Membership issues at the Board of Directors meetings.. The District President may also appoint one alternate Delegate. If both Delegates attend a board meeting, only the Primary Delegate may vote. All Delegates must be CGA members in good standing.

**ARTICLE 6 - MEETINGS**

An annual meeting shall be held during the month of November, at Convention unless the President, with the approval of the Directors, fixes a new and different date. Notice of the annual meeting, also stating where the meeting shall be held, shall be mailed to each member of the Board of Directors, each District and will be posted on the CGA website at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. There shall be at least two (1) additional Board of Directors meeting annually. The time, date, and

location of the meetings shall be decided on mutually by the incumbent Board of Directors. Any member of CGA shall have the opportunity to attend any board meeting. A majority of the Board constitute a quorum for any meeting. The President and (3) three members of the Board of Directors shall have the power to call special meetings as prescribed in the CGA Procedure Manual. Those members in attendance shall constitute a quorum for all General Membership meetings. The majority vote of those members in attendance shall prevail. To vote, a member must be at least 12 years of age.

#### **ARTICLE 7 - FINANCES AND OPERATIONS**

The fiscal year shall be JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31. The CGA Board of Governors shall be responsible for all CGA finances and the day to day operation as described in the CGA Procedure Manual.

#### **ARTICLE 8 - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority for this organization except as provided in these Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE 9 - AMENDMENTS**

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership in attendance at the General Meeting or by a unified vote of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors by majority vote of the quorum may make all rules, which they at their discretion, may deem necessary to carry out the forgoing Bylaws.