



*"Quality, Equality,  
and Forward Vision"*

# International Curly Horse Organization

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## Application for ICHO Association Status

We the undersigned request to form an Association in the ICHO to be named:

*Mission Statement. This must be consistent with the ICHO mission statement and goals. It should be short and to the point, to be used consistently as a standard throughout the development and functioning of the association. It shall be one to three lines maximum.*

The **mission statement** is:

*Vision or Goals. This should be a series of short statements about how the association intends to fulfill its mission. Concepts should be shortened as much as they can, but no more. They should be sufficiently flexible to allow for growth and specific enough as to provide a sound foundation.*

The **vision or goals** are as follows:

*To ensure sufficient member interest, list as many as 10 people that desire to be a part of this Association being applied for. If more than 10 please attach list to application.*

**Members** at time of application are: (give name with ICHO #)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Submitted for approval to the ICHO Board of Directors on, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Signed, the formation committee:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Approved - date \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Declined w/ recommendation - date \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Declined - date \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Suggestions:

*After ICHO Board approves the application, elections are to be held in a democratic manner to elect Officers of Association. The results will be reported to the ICHO Board of Directors a.s.a.p.*

Our **presiding officer** shall be: (title, name) \_\_\_\_\_,  
ICHO # \_\_\_\_, Phone \_\_\_\_\_, Email \_\_\_\_\_.

Our **Secretary** shall be: (name) \_\_\_\_\_,  
ICHO # \_\_\_\_, Phone \_\_\_\_\_, Email \_\_\_\_\_.

**Other officers** are: (title, name) \_\_\_\_\_,  
ICHO # \_\_\_\_, Phone \_\_\_\_\_, Email \_\_\_\_\_.

(title, name) \_\_\_\_\_,  
ICHO # \_\_\_\_, Phone \_\_\_\_\_, Email \_\_\_\_\_.

*A list of all members shall be reported to the ICHO Board of Directors on a regular basis. (List may be attached.)*

List of **members**:

## **General Association Structure Requirements And Development Guidelines**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Members must be members in good standing of ICHO.

Only members in good standing will be eligible to run for positions in the association or to vote on any issue taken to the membership of the association.

Other eligibility requirements:

Rights/Privileges:

Responsibilities:

### **GOVERNING STRUCTURE**

This association is a sub group under the incorporation of ICHO and is therefore entitled to all privileges, and subject to all bylaws, rules and regulations, of ICHO.

Each Association shall have a presiding officer, a secretary, and other officers as needed, elected from within the group, subject to ratification by the board.

The association will have an ICHO board appointed liaison. The liaison will maintain communication between the association and the board and to oversee that the management is within ICHO parameters and that all ICHO privileges and services are extended to the association.

The association will be essentially self-governing, but will always be ultimately responsible to the board of ICHO and will be expected to work in good communication with other related groups.

The association will be expected to be a part of general fundraising and other general ICHO activities and submit regular reports for the board and for publication in the Gazette.

*Who is in charge, how decisions are made, who is in charge of information dissemination, etc. This must be in agreement with the ICHO bylaws. Rules and regulations that don't fit into any of the following areas should be included here.*

## **Breed Development Association Requirements**

### **Equine membership requirements**

It may be broad or restrictive. It may require request to membership or it may be automatic. Rights, privileges and responsibilities should be listed.

**Types and purposes of horses targeted.** This should include the types of disciplines generally suitable for the targeted horse as well as an overall impression of the horse.

**Standard for horses.** This can be very general, or it may be very specific. We may wish to include certain 'curly characteristics' across the board such as honest, stable, intelligent and willing temperament, strong hooves, sturdy, sound bone structure, and any classification of curls as described on the ICHO website. Perhaps the concept of

substantial without coarseness should be included, although that may not be a universal characteristic.

Whatever is written here will be the standard both for halter judges for specific associations and for the breed genesis goals.

**Overview of achievements** required to earn sticker(s) on back of pedigree (intended for breed genesis), or specific titles with some kind of map of what these mean and how they interact with each other. IOW a horse could be designated a 'premium \_\_\_\_\_horse' based on performance criteria, yet not have an 'F' level assigned because it had not completed all requirements. This area will vary in complexity rather dramatically between associations and should fit in with other similar breeds as appropriate. Include breakdown of each of the above terms and specific requirements for earning them.

**Breed genesis guidelines based on F generations.** May include requirement for a percentage of outcross. For example the draft horse may require a percentage of specified draft blood in the F1 generation. Can be either/or requirements - either % outcross, or passing specific inspection type, or passing specific performance standard. An association can designate a breeding stock that does not fully fulfill F1 generation requirements, but has enough characteristics it can be used in higher generations without pulling the eligibility of the resultant offspring down below a certain level if certain requirements are achieved. For example we might accept a registered Percheron (straight coat) as a breeding stock for the draft horses, permitting an F2 horse to breed to a Percheron to produce an F3 draft horse, rather than require only curly to curly (or straight curly) breeding. In such a case there must also be limits placed on how high such a cross might be accepted. For example in the above situation a foal might not be eligible for higher than F3, even if the curly parent were an F4. That means that at least two generations of curly to curly (or straight curly) must occur before a resultant offspring could be considered full breed but allows limited and targeted out crossing to strengthen the purpose of the breed. It must be limited quite significantly, however, so we don't produce total mongrels. The goal is to double up desired breed trait characteristics to help achieve the mission, not to add further variance to the genetics.

There must also be adequate description of what will **not be allowed to earn F status.** Those horses not achieving F status, are still eligible to parent F1 offspring should they fulfill the requirements as laid out.

## **Performance Based Association Requirements**

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**Overview of achievements** required to earn specific titles.

Mention of **year-end awards** should be included as an open list subject to change as is deemed appropriate.

## **Other Type of Association Requirements**

**(Such as activity, regional or local clubs)**

List: