



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 up to two adults and any **juniors** from the same family household, with 2 votes if there are two adults included in the family membership or 1 vote if there is one adult included in the family membership.

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 a \$50.00 fee 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 finds that a violation has occurred, the \$50.00 fee 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 Ambassador, **3 Regional Directors and 4 Associate Directors. The Associate Directors will be made up of one representative from each of the other EXCA clubs in the Province of Ontario.**

4.2 All Positions on the OXC Board of Directors will be elected bi-annually (with the exception of the Youth Ambassador 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 **two (2) Regional Directors** will be elected one year, the Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and **one (1) Regional Director** 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 AMBASSADOR: The Youth Ambassador 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 Ambassador 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: Three (3) 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. The Associate Directors do not apply to the quorum.

A quorum at the AGM shall

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