



**North Carolina Dressage and Combined Training Association  
JUNIOR CLUB**



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**ARTICLE I**

**NAME:**

The organization is an affiliate of the North Carolina Dressage and Combined Training Association and shall be named the NCDCTA Junior Club. Groups formed in separate areas of North Carolina will be called Chapters of NCDCTA Junior Club.

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSE:**

- \* To attract youth interested in equestrian activities.
- \* To develop individual member's knowledge, skills, and appreciation in horsemanship and aspects of the dressage and combined training disciplines.
- \* To sponsor and support activities which will increase individual member's knowledge about care, riding, training and showing horses.

**ARTICLE III**

**JUNIOR CLUB CHAPTER REQUIREMENTS:**

- \* Junior Club Chapters will have meetings and/or activities at least six (6) times during the calendar year.
- \* Junior Club Chapters will participate in at least one (1) age appropriate, equestrian related service project per calendar year.
- \* Individual members will annually participate in an age appropriate, equestrian related research project and present the results to the Chapter.
- \* An Annual Summary Report of the Chapters' activities will be submitted to the NCDCTA Junior Club Committee by November 1.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **ORGANIZATION:**

- \* The Junior Club is an affiliate of the NCDCTA.
- \* The Junior Club consists of registered chapters throughout the state of NC.
- \* There shall be only one (1) chapter within a thirty (30) mile radius.
- \* Two (2) NCDCTA members serving as advisors may form a Junior Club Chapter.
- \* All members of the Junior Club must be members of NCDCTA. Annual renewal to NCDCTA is required to remain a member of the Junior Club.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **MEMBERSHIP AND DUES:**

- \* Application for membership shall be on an individual basis through NCDCTA. (membership to NCDCTA is required, no extra fee for Junior Club membership)
  - \* All rules and benefits of NCDCTA membership apply to Junior Club members.
  - \* Junior Club membership shall consist of individuals between 7 years and 18 years of age as of December 1 of the preceding year.
  - \* Membership is a 12-month period beginning December 1 and ending November 30.
  - \* New members to the Club may join at any time during the year.
  - \* Any significant changes in membership or advisors should be reported to the Junior Club Committee Chairperson.
  - \* All Junior Club members must adhere to these by-laws and NCDCTA regulations.
  - \* Any Junior Club member that fails to adhere to these by-laws and NCDCTA regulations may be dismissed from the Junior Club
- MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING:** members who have paid their yearly NCDCTA dues and have attended at least three (3) Junior Club meetings out of the calendar year.

## ARTICLE VI

### OFFICERS AND ADVISORS:

The Junior Club is a member run organization. The Junior Club officer team will plan and carry out all chapter meetings and activities. Advisors will supervise the officer team.

\* The officers of the Junior Club Chapter shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter.

**President:** preside at all meetings of the Junior Club Chapter.

**Vice President:** preside in the absence of the President, and perform duties requested by the President.

**Secretary:** record minutes of regular meetings and responsible for Junior Club correspondences.

**Treasurer:** maintain a financial report of the Chapter. Maintain the current membership roster for the Chapter.

**Reporter:** document Chapters activities and submit articles to the NCDCTA newsletter.

\* The Advisors shall consist of two (2) adult members of NCDCTA, or a member age 19 or 20 may serve as an advisor in training with one (1) adult advisor. They serve in an advisory capacity for the Junior Club Chapter and assist in the overall administration. They are responsible for maintaining a safe environment.

\* Officers missing more than three (3) regular meetings without just cause (illness, death in family, etc.) may be relieved of their duties.

\* Advisors must attend at least six (6) meetings out of the calendar year.

## ARTICLE VII

### VOTING AND ELECTIONS:

\* All individual Junior Club Chapter members in good standing are entitled to one (1) vote with exception of the President, who will vote in case of a tie.

\* A majority vote of two-thirds of those in attendance at a regularly scheduled meeting is required.

\* Any member wishing to run for an officer position must be at least 13 years old during the elected term and a member in good standing. In the event an officer position can not be filled by a member 13 or older, the advisors may chose to leave the position vacant, fill the position with a member under 13 years of age or appoint a 19 or 20 year old to the position.

\* All elected terms are for one (1) year.

\* Individual members may be re-elected to a second term.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **COMMITTEES:**

- \* A Junior Club Committee will oversee the formation and activities of all Chapters
- \* A Chairperson for the Junior Club Committee shall be appointed by the NCDCTA Board Junior Committee. The Junior Club Committee Chairperson will report all chapter activities to the NCDCTA Board Junior Committee.
- \* Members of the Junior Club Committee must be NCDCTA members.

NCDCTA Junior Club will observe Robert Rules of Order.