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1. MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

1.1 Mission

The International Forum for the Aftercare of Racehorses (IFAR) is an organisation dedicated to promoting the care of Thoroughbreds during their lifetime.

1.2 Objectives

- i. To raise awareness globally of the importance of welfare for Thoroughbred racehorses.
- ii. To improve education on lifetime care, including end of life issues, of all international racing communities and the general public.
- iii. To develop a network which allows best practice to be easily shared between racing and aftercare organisations.
- iv. To promote the versatility, adaptability and potential of Thoroughbreds for equestrian sport.

2. VALUES

2.1 Values

IFAR's mission is founded on the following core values:

- i. **Leadership** – is leveraging our global depth of experience and knowledge to promote and share best practice in securing lifetime care and alternative careers for thoroughbred racehorses.
- ii. **Accountability** – is raising the awareness within the international racing community of its responsibility for the welfare of its equine participants.
- iii. **Communication** – is providing relevant and timely communication between member organisations to facilitate the exchange of information.
- iv. **Empathy** – is maximising the wellbeing of thoroughbred racehorses and helping develop greater understanding by owners of their responsibilities through education and awareness.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Membership Eligibility

- i. Membership is open to:
 - a. National (or state-based) racing regulatory bodies or federations thereof
 - b. Race clubs, racecourses or racetracks
 - c. Individuals with an interest in racehorse aftercare
 - d. Racing participant associations, alliances or representative bodies
 - e. Aftercare providers and charities
 - f. Commercial or media entities
 - g. Former steering committee members
- ii. Members must embrace the mission, objectives and values of IFAR.
- iii. Membership status will be approved or removed by the IFAR Steering Committee.
- iv. Membership Fees - Members should make a minimum monetary contribution as determined by the Steering Committee, or provide in-kind support for IFAR activities. Membership fees will be used to support IFAR activities.

3.2 Membership Duties

- i. Members shall provide support for the mission, objective and values of IFAR.
- ii. Members shall nominate persons to serve on the steering committee of IFAR.
- iii. Members may serve on IFAR subcommittees.

3.3 Nominations for steering committee

- i. Members may be nominated to fill seats on the steering committee of IFAR, when a seat is available. The steering committee will select the steering committee members from the nominated Members. The steering committee aims to include a representative from at least one racing organisation from each of the major racing regions. All nominees are subject to Committee approval.

4. SUPPORTERS

4.1 Supporter Eligibility

- i. Supporter status is open to:
 - a. National (or state-based) racing regulatory bodies or federations thereof
 - b. Race clubs, racecourses or racetracks
 - c. Individuals with an interest in racehorse aftercare
 - d. Racing participant associations, alliances or representative bodies
 - e. Aftercare providers and charities
 - f. Commercial or media entities
- ii. Supporters must embrace the mission, objectives and values of IFAR
- iii. Supporter status will be approved or removed by the IFAR Steering Committee
- iv. Supporters shall provide support for the mission, objective and values of IFAR.
- v. Supporters may serve on IFAR subcommittees.
- vi. Becoming a supporter of IFAR is free.
- vii. Supporters are entitled to attend members meetings.
- viii. Supporters are not entitled to participate in voting or nomination processes.

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Membership Charter



5. DOCUMENT GOVERNANCE

VERSION CONTROL AND CHANGE HISTORY

Vs	Action	Approval Date	Effective Date	Approved by	Amendment
1.1	New Policy	8.12.18	8.12.18	IFAR Steering Committee	-
2.0	Policy Update	17.9.23	17.9.23	IFAR Committee	