

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

International Forum for the Aftercare of Racehorses (IFAR)



## INFORMATION

**I am interested in becoming an IFAR:**  
(Please select one)

**Member (US\$2,000)**

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**Supporter (free)**

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**Return to:**

ifarmembership@gmail.com

Full Name:

Organization:

Accreditation:  
(if applicable)

Country:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Social Media:

## TYPE OF MEMBER/SUPPORTER

National/state  
racing regulatory  
body or federation

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Race club,  
racecourse, or  
racetrack

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Individual with an  
interest in racehorse  
aftercare

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Racing participant  
association,  
alliance, or  
representative  
body

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Aftercare  
provider or  
charity

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Commercial or  
media entity

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Other (please  
specify)

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## TERMS & CONDITIONS

The International Forum for the Aftercare of Racehorses (IFAR) is collecting your personal information via this membership form for the purpose of communicating with you regarding IFAR. If you are providing us with another individual's personal information in connection with IFAR, you must have obtained the individual's prior consent to do so. IFAR will use the personal information in accordance with the Privacy Policy on our website, located at <https://www.internationalracehorseaftercare.com/privacy-policy/>. By providing your name and/or logo to IFAR in connection with your application to be a supporter or member, you grant IFAR permission to use the name and/or logo on the IFAR website and in marketing and promotional communications.

☐ Check here if you do not want your name or organization to be included on the website or in IFAR communications as a member or supporter.

### Membership Policy and Code of Conduct

☐ I confirm that I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the IFAR Membership Policy and Code of Conduct.

## IFAR Membership Policy

### 1. Purpose

This policy outlines the principles, eligibility, assessment, and renewal processes for membership and supporter status within the International Forum for the Aftercare of Racehorses (IFAR). It ensures alignment with IFAR's mission and values and promotes a transparent and consistent approach to assessing and renewing involvement in the IFAR community.

### 2. Mission and Objectives

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

b. **Objectives**

- i. Raise global awareness of the importance of Thoroughbred welfare.
- ii. Improve education on lifetime care, including end-of-life issues, within racing communities and to the public.
- iii. Develop a network to facilitate sharing of best practices between racing and aftercare organisations.
- iv. Promote the versatility and potential of Thoroughbreds in equestrian sport.

### 3. Values

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

- i. **Leadership:** Leveraging global expertise to promote best practices in lifetime care and alternative careers.
- ii. **Accountability:** Raising awareness of the international racing community's responsibilities.
- iii. **Communication:** Promoting timely and relevant information sharing between members.
- iv. **Empathy:** Maximising the wellbeing of Thoroughbreds through education and owner awareness.

### 4. Membership Types

- a. **Members** : Individuals or organisations who pay an annual membership fee and demonstrate strong alignment with IFAR's mission. They may nominate and serve on IFAR subcommittees and the Steering Committee.
- b. **Supporters**: Individuals or organisations who engage with IFAR's work but without financial obligations or voting rights. They may also serve on subcommittees and attend members' meetings.

## 5. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants may include:

- a. Multi-national, national or state racing regulatory bodies or federations
- b. Race clubs, racecourses, or racetracks
- c. Aftercare providers and charities
- d. Racing participant associations, alliances, or representative bodies
- e. Commercial or media entities
- f. Individuals with an interest in racehorse aftercare
- g. Former Steering Committee members (for Member category)

Applicants must embrace the mission, values, and objectives of IFAR. IFAR reserves the right to decline applications that are inconsistent with its mission or values.

## 6. Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed based on the following:

- a. **Commitment to Equine Welfare & Aftercare:** Alignment with IFAR's objectives and ethical practices.
- b. **Reputation & Integrity:** Industry credibility, ethical behaviour, regulatory adherence, and constructive engagement (including responsible and professional conduct on social media platforms).
- c. **Engagement & Contribution:** Willingness to contribute to IFAR's initiatives.
- d. **Resources & Capability:** Ability to support IFAR through expertise, research, or outreach.

## 7. Application Process

- a. Members and Supporters:
  - i. Submission of a completed Membership Application Form, including agreement to adhere to IFAR's Code of Conduct.
  - ii. Review by IFAR's Steering Committee.
  - iii. Requests for additional information may be made.
  - iv. Final decision of the Steering Committee communicated in writing.
  - v. The decision of the Steering Committee shall be final and not subject to further review or appeal.
- b. Members Only:
  - i. Members will be issued an invoice for their annual membership fee.
  - ii. Membership status will be activated upon receipt of payment.
  - iii. Once activated, Members will receive the official IFAR Member logo and guidance on appropriate use.
  - iv. Members will be eligible to nominate individuals for the Steering Committee and may be invited to participate in subcommittees or special initiatives.

## 8. Renewal Process

- a. All Members and Supporters are subject to a **1 July renewal cycle**.
- b. All Supporters will be automatically renewed. Notification letters will be issued by 1 June, providing 30 days for recipients to notify IFAR if they do not wish to continue their Supporter status.
- c. Member renewal invitations and invoices will be issued by **1 June**.
- d. **Pro-rata invoices** will be issued for Members joining part way through the membership year.
- e. Supporters are renewed via confirmation letter.
- f. There is no requirement for resubmission of applications unless requested\*.

\*Supporters upgrading to Members must submit a new application and complete the steps noted in section 7b.

## 9. Review of Status

IFAR may review membership or supporter status periodically to ensure continued alignment with its mission and values.

## 10. Code of Conduct

All applicants must acknowledge and agree to IFAR's Code of Conduct, which will be linked to the Membership Application Form.

## 11. Document Governance

This Membership Policy supersedes the IFAR Membership Charter. It is maintained by the IFAR Steering Committee and reviewed periodically.

Version Control and Change History

Version	Action	Approval Date	Effective Date	Approved By	Amendment
1.0	New Policy	28 May 2025	1 June 2025	IFAR Steering Committee	-

## 12. Contact Information

For queries regarding membership, renewal, or eligibility, please contact:  
**ifarmembership@gmail.com**.



## **IFAR Code of Conduct**

***Adopted June 2025***

The International Forum for the Aftercare of Racehorses (IFAR) is a global platform committed to the lifetime welfare of Thoroughbred racehorses. All Committee Members, Members, Supporters, volunteers and staff are expected to uphold IFAR's values, act with integrity, and contribute positively to its mission.

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### **1. Expected Standards of Conduct**

All IFAR Committee Members, Members and Supporters are expected to:

#### **a. Commitment to Equine Welfare & Aftercare**

- Actively support and promote responsible aftercare and lifetime welfare for Thoroughbred racehorses.
- Align with IFAR's mission, values, and objectives in their professional activities and public communications.
- Adhere to local laws, rules and relevant codes of practice relating to equine welfare.
- Must not be the subject of ongoing or substantiated welfare concerns regarding any horses in their care or ownership.

#### **b. Reputation & Integrity**

- Maintain a high standard of personal and professional integrity.
- Behave ethically, constructively, and respectfully in all interactions—both in person and online.
- Engage in fact-based, respectful critique when discussing the racing industry or aftercare practices.
- Avoid inflammatory or damaging commentary that undermines confidence in the broader racing or aftercare community.

#### **c. Respectful Engagement**

- Treat other members, supporters, partners, and the public with courtesy and professionalism.
  - Uphold inclusive and collaborative dialogue, particularly in multi-jurisdictional or culturally diverse settings.
  - Refrain from discriminatory, harassing, or antagonistic behaviour in any form.
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## 2. Complaint and Breach Management Process Raising Concerns

Concerns regarding a potential breach of this Code may be raised by:

- The IFAR Steering Committee; or
- In writing to the Steering Committee by:
  - Another Member or Supporter; or
  - An external party (in writing).

### Initial Review

The Steering Committee will review the matter and assess the information available. If the concern appears to have merit, the Committee may initiate an investigation.

### Complaint Notification

If warranted, the complaint will be put in writing to the Member or Supporter concerned. They will be given an opportunity to respond and provide any relevant information or clarification.

**Decision Making** The Steering Committee will review the response and all relevant information before reaching a decision. Possible outcomes include:

- **No breach found:** The concern is dismissed with no further action; or
- **Written warning:** A formal warning is issued outlining the concern and expectations for future conduct; or
- **Removal from IFAR:** Membership or supporter status is revoked. Re-application will not be considered unless the Steering Committee is satisfied that future conduct will align with IFAR's expectations.

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## 3. Review and Governance

This Code is maintained by the IFAR Steering Committee and is reviewed periodically. All Committee Members, Members and Supporters agree to abide by this Code as a condition of their participation in IFAR.

For questions or concerns regarding this Code of Conduct, please contact: [ifarmembership@gmail.com](mailto:ifarmembership@gmail.com)