

Article 4: REGIONAL COUNCIL

4.1 Regional Council. Each Region has, in accordance with USPC By-Laws, a Regional Council to provide the assistance, advice and cooperation necessary for the Regional Supervisor to effectively execute their duties and responsibilities.

(a) Membership. All USPC Administrative Officers (Regional Supervisor, Vice Regional Supervisors, District Commissioners and Joint District Commissioners); Center Administrators; and all Regional Officers within the region are members of the Regional Council, providing that the majority of the membership consists of local USPC leadership (such as District Commissioners, Joint District Commissioners, or Riding Center Administrators.) in accordance with USPC By-Laws. The President of the USPC, the Vice President of Regional Administration and any appointed representatives of these officers shall be ex-officio members of the Regional Council.

(b) Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be elected at least 30 days before the Annual Meeting and shall select one of its members to serve as Chair of the Committee. The Regional Supervisor shall nominate the Committee for election by the Regional Council. The Committee shall consist of no less than three and no more than five members, the majority of whom must be local USPC leadership (such as District Commissioners, Joint District Commissioners, or Riding Center Administrators.) The Nominating Committee shall propose a slate of Regional Officers and recommendations for Regional Supervisor and Vice Regional Supervisor(s) for presentation at the Annual Regional Council Meeting.

4.2 Regional Council Meetings. Regions shall have sufficient Regional Council meetings to enhance communication among all members of the Regional Council. It is essential that Regions hold an Annual Meeting as defined herein.

(a) Meeting Protocol. The Regional Supervisor, or the designated Vice Regional Supervisor, shall act as the Chair of the Regional Council at all meetings. All members of the Regional Council may make motions to initiate discussion of the subject issues. The Regional Supervisor, Vice Regional Supervisor, Secretary of the Region, USPC President, USPC Vice President of Regional Administration, or a majority of the voting membership of the Regional Council may call a meeting of the Regional Council.

(b) Voting. Administrative Officers of the Region; Regional Officers; the District Commissioner, or Joint District Commissioner, or the designated representative (authorized in writing by the District Commissioner) of each Registered Club; and the Center Administrator or designated representative (authorized in writing by the Center Administrator) of each Recognized Pony Club Riding Center, are each entitled to one vote. A person must be present to vote. No person may vote more than once on any item called for a vote. Administrative Officers of the Region and Regional Officers who also hold either the position of District Commissioner, or Center Administrator—shall authorize in writing a designated representative to vote on behalf of their Club/Center. Regional Officer Positions which allow for sharing of responsibilities, such as the Regional Instruction Coordinator and/or Horse Management Organizer, are entitled to one vote per position regardless of how many share the duties of the position. The officer entitled to vote shall be designated at the time of election or appointment and may delegate their vote in their absence only to another person who shares the responsibilities and title of the position.

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