

## **BY LAWS**

### **Of The**

## **TEXAS JUNIOR SIMMENTAL/SIMBRAH ASSOCIATION**

### **SECTION I MISSION STATEMENT**

Build tomorrow's leaders by exposing members to a wide variety of educational, leadership, and career opportunities through experiences that include the practical application of knowledge and resources relative to the beef industry and specific to the Simmental and Simbrah breeds.

### **SECTION II CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS**

Active members who will be eligible to hold an office, vote at the meetings, and will pay an annual membership fee.

### **SECTION III RULES GOVERNING MEMBERS**

- A. Application for membership must be made by application to the Texas Junior Simmental/Simbrah Association using forms provided by the association.
- B. To be eligible for membership in the Texas Junior Simmental/Simbrah Association one must **be twenty-One (21) years of age** or younger as of January 1 of current year and be a Texas resident.
- C. The Board of Directors shall have the power to accept or reject any application for membership. The Board of Directors shall also have the power to suspend or expel any member who conducts himself or herself in a manner detrimental to the Association or fails to comply with the rules and regulations without refund of membership fees or dues.
- D. A member whose membership has been revoked must make a written application for reinstatement and can be reinstated only after having received two-thirds affirmative vote for the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION IV COMMITTEES**

The Texas Junior Simmental/Simbrah Association shall have the following standing committees, appointed by the President. The President may appoint from time to time other committees. Each committee shall consist of a Chairman and as many members as shall be considered necessary by the President. Each committee, through the chairman, shall report either verbally or in writing to each meeting of the Board of Directors and annually to the Annual General Membership Meeting. An adult advisor shall assist each committee. The advisor shall be assigned to a committee based on expertise and committee need.

#### **A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

This Committee shall consist of the Past President, President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The President shall serve as chairman. It shall be their duty to conduct the affairs of the Association between Director's meetings and carry out the instructions of the Board of Directors.

All adult Advisors shall be AD HOC members of the Executive Committee. As such they shall assist the committee in all areas of TJSSA activities. They shall assist the President in coordinating the TJSSA activities with the TSSA.

#### **B. EXHIBITION COMMITTEE**

This committee shall make recommendations pertaining to all youth activities and shows.

The Adult Advisor(s) assigned to this committee shall assist in coordination of the State Futurity, the Regional Classic and the National Classic. This includes fundraising, development of rules and guidelines, transportation and activity coordination.

#### **C. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Treasurer shall be the Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Committee purpose shall be the consideration of business, which involves the use of Association funds. The committee shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding approval of an annual budget, preparation of periodic financial statements and the use of association funds.

The Adult Advisor to this committee should have a background or working knowledge of bookkeeping. The advisor shall assist the Treasurer with the development of an annual budget. The Advisor will also assist the Treasurer with preparing periodic financial statements. These statements shall be presented to the Junior Board.

#### **D. MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

The Reporter shall be Chairman of this committee with the assistance of the secretary. The purpose of this committee shall be to recruit new members and to renew current members. They will provide membership data to other committees as needed. The reporter will be assisted by the secretary in promotion and publicity. The historian shall keep a scrapbook for the TJSSA.

The Adult Advisor to this committee shall assist the reporter and secretary to recruit new members. The advisor shall assist the reporter and secretary in planning and obtaining publicity for the TJSSA. These duties include advertising and membership publicity.

#### **E. SHOW RULES & ETHICS COMMITTEE**

This committee will review and make recommendations to the board of directors on the show rules and ethics of this association. They will aid in enforcing the rules set forth by the association.

#### **F. BY-LAW COMMITTEE**

This committee will review and make recommendations to the board of directors on the by-laws of this organization.

### **SECTION V ADULT BOARD OF ADVISORS**

The TJSSA Advisors will be selected by the TJSSA Board of Directors. The selection will be based on recommendations of other TJSSA Advisors, Directors, and parents. Advisors will serve continuously until they resign or are removed and replaced by the TJSSA Board of Directors. Removal of an Adult Advisor will require a simple majority vote of all current directors of the TJSSA. The Advisors will be assigned to TJSSA standing committees based on their expertise and the needs of the TJSSA, as determined by the TJSSA Board of Directors. **Officer positions will be assigned to members of the adult advisory board (approved June 2024).**

## **SECTION VI MEETINGS**

### **A. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

1. A general membership meeting will be held twice every calendar year. All members will be notified by letter via social media or the TJSSA Web site at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting. Any special business shall be mentioned in the notice of the meeting. The Board has the discretion to add or reschedule meetings as deemed necessary or deliver by other means (e.g., virtual).
2. A quorum for a general membership meeting shall consist of the active members in good standing that are present.
3. Standard parliamentary procedure, as defined by Robert's Rules of Order, will be followed at all meetings of the Association Membership and at all meetings of the Board of Directors.
4. Special Membership Meetings may be held at the discretion of the Board of Directors. All members will be notified on social media or the TJSSA website at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting date. The special business shall be mentioned in the notice of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted.
5. Only Active Junior Members who are in good standing and whose dues are paid are entitled to vote at any association meeting.
6. There will be no proxy votes allowed at general or special membership meetings.

### **B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

1. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held each year in conjunction with and at the same place as the Annual Membership Meetings. Notice of the Membership Meeting shall contain a notice of the Director's Meeting.
2. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held on call of the President by giving ~~ten (10)~~ **seven (7) days notice with adult advisor approval** in writing of the time, place, and purpose, and by telephone notification in emergencies. **(approved June 2024)**
3. A majority of directors shall constitute a quorum at any director's meeting.
4. There will be no proxy votes allowed at directors meetings.
5. Vacancy: In the case of any vacancy on the Board of Directors, a successor shall be selected from that area by the remaining members of the Board to complete the expired term.

## **SECTION VII OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

- A. The TJSSA shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 16 members. Election of Directors will take place at the annual meetings in accordance with the following rules:

1. No person can be nominated who has not turned in an Application for Director for that year's election on or before the due date.

2. Applicant must have been a member in good standing of the TJSSA for a minimum of one year prior to applying to run for director and dues must be current. Applicant must be at least 14 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> or entering freshman year of high school of election year.
  3. Directors will be elected by their respective regions with each region represented by four (4) directors. In addition, four (4) directors will be elected “at large directors” by the entire membership. “At large” directors shall be elected from the remaining un-elected candidates. If any region does not have enough qualified applicants, the vacancies shall be filled by at-large candidates.
  4. Terms will be staggered and each year two (2) directors will be elected from each of the four regions and two (2) directors will be elected as “at large”. There may be more than two (2) “at large” directors elected as defined in Section VII, A.3.
- B. The new board of directors will take office, be installed, and elect their officers at the beginning of new business in the first board meeting following their election. The new president will conduct the rest of that meeting.
  - C. Officers of the Board of Directors shall be president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, parliamentarian, and historian. A director may not be elected to the same office for two consecutive years.
  - D. Directors will abide by the requirements outlined in the Board of Directors’ Application and sign and agree to the Code of Conduct/Board of Director Guidelines before running for the Board.

## **SECTION VIII DISSOLUTION OF ASSOCIATION**

If the Texas Junior Simmental Simbrah Association dissolves, after settling of outstanding debts, liabilities, and/or obligations, the balance of the association’s assets will be disposed of as determined by the Board of Directors and Advisors, exclusively through donations to organizations that are tax exempt under the Internal Revenue Code. Neither the members, directors nor advisors will be held personally liable for any outstanding debt.

## **SECTION IX AMENDMENTS**

The by-laws for the Association may be amended by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members present at the General Membership Meeting at the TJSSA State Futurity. Notice, however, of all proposed amendments must be made in writing **or electronically** to the Secretary sixty (60) days prior to any Membership Meeting and must be included in the notice calling the meeting.

*These bylaws were approved by the TJSSA membership in June of 2024.*