

BYLAWS OF THE FLORIDA JUNIOR SWINE ASSOCIATION

Corporation By-Laws

Florida Junior Swine Circuit

Article I

Title, Location, Fiscal Year

Section 1. Title: The association shall be known as the FLORIDA JUNIOR SWINE CIRCUIT (FJSC) and shall at all times be operated and conducted as a nonprofit association in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, providing for such organizations and by which it shall acquire all rights as granted to associations of this kind.

The purpose of this organization shall be:

To provide for high quality swine shows for the youth of Florida.

To increase participation in the show pig industry at local, state and national levels.

To provide an environment for showmen to improve upon herdsmanship as well as leadership both in and out of the showring.

Section 2. Place of Business: The principal place of business and official address of the FJSC shall be PO Box 12135, Fort Pierce Florida 34979, but as its members or officers may be residents of any part of the state of Florida, business may be carried on at any place convenient to such members or officials that may be participating.

Section 3. Fiscal Year: The Fiscal Year of the FJSC shall be July 1st through June 30 of a calendar yearth.

Article II

Membership

Section 1. Membership in the FJSC is limited to residents of the State of Florida and must be 21 years of age or younger as of July 1st of the current year.

Section 2. The Board of Directors of the FJSC has the right to revoke membership for anyone blatantly violating the rules of the organization. When a member is a minor, the parent or guardian is held liable for rules infractions per Florida laws.

Section 3. Membership dues per series will be set by the board annually.

Article III

Directors

The business and property of the FJSC shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors.

The rules governing the exhibition of swine and the accumulation of points within a FJSC division as presented in the *Official FJSC Rulebook* shall be subject to change by the Board of Directors. Changes to the official rules for the calendar year will not be modified or changed until the next calendar year.

Section 1. There shall be a maximum of 12 directors constituting the BOD.

Section 2. Directors term is two years, unless a board member is appointed to replace a vacant seat per section 3, where as the term would be one year to finish the vacancy seats term.

Directors are required to re-apply for a new term after the completion of their current term.

Section 3. In the case of any vacancy on the BOD by death, resignation, disqualification, or other cause, the FJSC President, with the advice and approval of the Board of Directors, shall nominate a qualified successor to be voted by the current board of directors, requiring more than a 50% majority vote to be accepted onto the board.

Section 4. Removal of directors for cause requires legally defined grounds such as breach of fiduciary duty, criminal conduct, gross negligence, or persistent nonperformance. Procedural protocols mandate proper notice followed with 2/3 quorum vote to remove.

Section 5. Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the current FJSC Board on an annual basis.

Section 6. Directors are encouraged to attend fifty percent of the shows held during the fiscal year.

Section 7. There shall be a minimum of three meetings of the Board of Directors held during the fiscal year.

Section 8. Special Meetings may be called by the FJSC President and held as needed.

Section 9. Officers shall be elected at the last meeting held prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Section 10. More than 50% of the members of the BOD shall constitute a quorum.

Section 11. The Board of Directors shall have the power and the authority to make, amend, repeal and enforce the rules and regulations, not contrary to the FJSC Bylaws, as they deem expedient concerning the activities of the FJSC; the admission, classification, qualifications, suspension and expulsion of members, the rules and regulations governing the procedure of such suspension and expulsion and removal, regulations regarding the sanctioning of shows, conducting of shows, contests, exhibitions, and social functions and other details relating to the general purposes of the FJSC.

Section 12. Committees, general or special, may be appointed by the Board or Directors as needed.

Section 13. Hosting a show, If a board member or spouse of a board member hosts a project show during the series timelines and elects to not join as a participating FJSC, the board member will immediately be removed from the board of directors.

Section 14. Timed voting, when a vote is called all board members agree to cast their votes within a (24) hour timeline, if the board member has not cast a vote within said timeline the board member forfeits his/her vote.

Article IV

Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Advisor of the Junior Board.

Section 2. The officers of the Association shall have the powers and duties generally ascribed to the respective offices, and such additional authority or duty as may from time to time be established by the Board of Directors.

Article V

Support Board

Section 1. Any resident of Florida over the age of 18 may send a letter of interest to the FJSC BOD and shall be voted upon on an annual basis to join the Support Board. Members of the Support Board will be elected by a majority vote of the FJSC Board of Directors. Support Board Members are held to the same ethical standards as voting members of the Board of Directors and are in place to assist and aid the association and its membership.

Article VI

Junior Board of Directors

Section 1. Junior Directors may apply and be elected into office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. There shall be a maximum of 12 members elected to these positions. The three top candidates slated by the screening committee shall be voted by the FJSC membership for the offices President, Vice President, and Secretary. voting shall take place as appointed by the BOD.

Section 2. Junior Board of Directors shall serve a one-year term and may be elected to consecutive terms.

Section 3. Junior Board members must have been an FJSC member during the year preceding their election and be at least 14 years of age.

Article VII

Records and Reports

Section 1. All books and records provided for the stature shall be open to inspection of the members from time to time and to the extent expressly provided by stature and not otherwise. The Directors may examine such books and records at all reasonable times.

Section 2. Official minutes from all Board of Directors meetings shall be posted for viewing within twenty business days of said meeting and shall be considered public record.

Article VIII

Amendment of Bylaws

Section 1. The power to alter, amend or repeal these Bylaws is vested in the Directors, subject to repeal of change by a 2/3 vote.

Section 2. Proposed amendments to the bylaws of the FJSC may be submitted by any active member in writing and received by the secretary 30 days prior to the annual meeting of the BOD.

Article IX

Dissolution

Section 1. Upon termination or dissolution of the FJSC, any assets lawfully available for distribution shall be distributed to one (1) or more qualifying organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or described in any corresponding provision of any successor statute) which organization or organizations have a charitable purpose which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to the terminating or dissolving corporation.