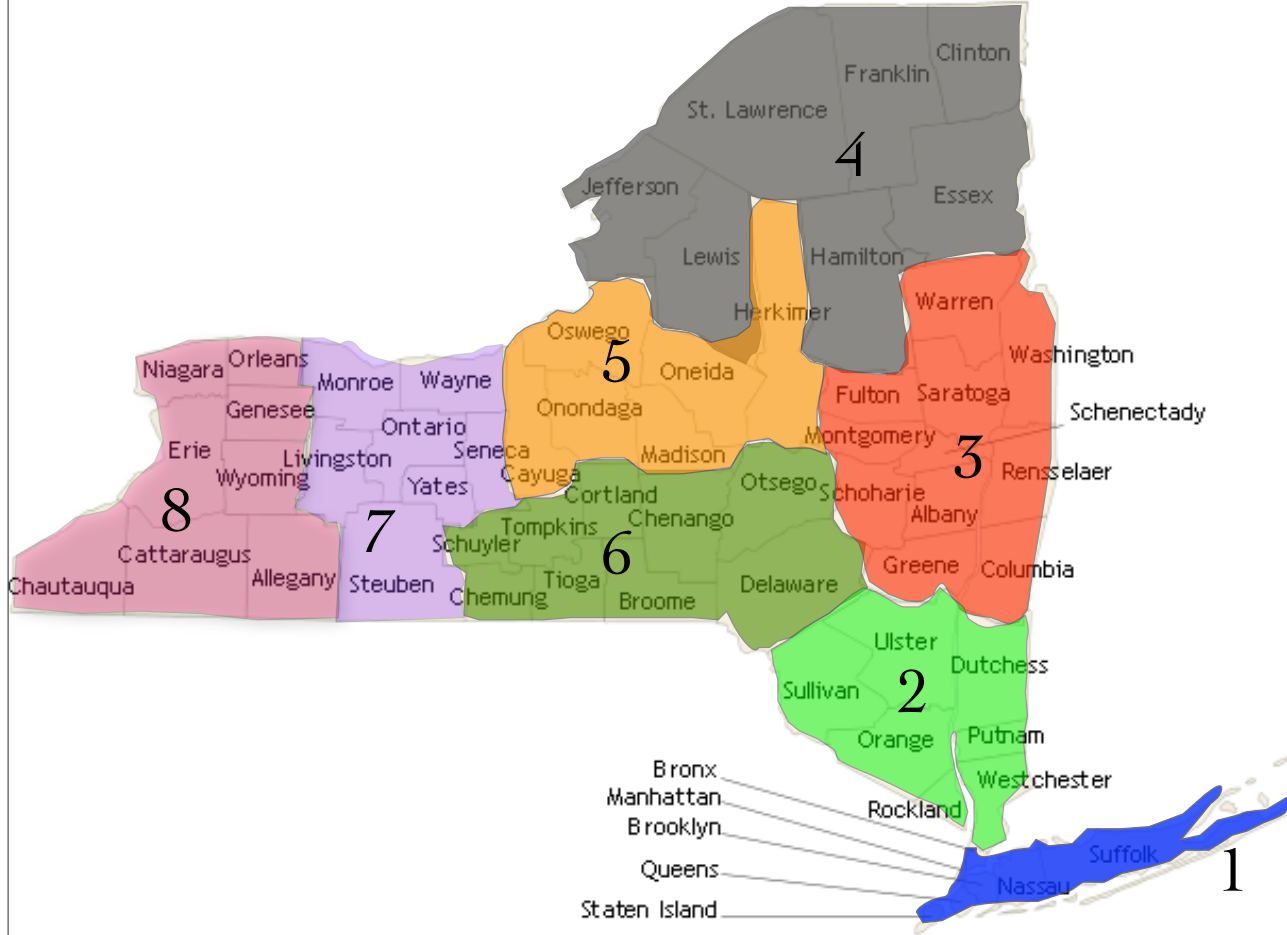


# WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN THE NYS HORSE COUNCIL?



**New York State  
Horse Council**

[www.nyshc.org](http://www.nyshc.org)



## REGIONS

1. Southeast (New York City, Long Island)
2. Mid-Hudson
3. Capital
4. Northern
5. Central
6. Southern Tier
7. Fingerlakes
8. Western



The New York State Horse Council is affiliated with the American Horse Council.

Each region is represented by designated directors.

Local chapters of NYS Horse Council exist in most districts.

- NYS Horse Council represents all breeds and disciplines, in all parts of New York state. Find your region on the map, and then use our website to find members nearby who can offer you help.
- We track the issues that concern you, keep in constant touch with Albany legislature, and present informed advocacy to pending legislation.
- We provide current information on our website, [www.nyshc.org](http://www.nyshc.org) about issues that affect you, about upcoming events, about our programs, and about the New York State Horse Council.
- If you live in New York, own or just love horses, or work with horses, check us out and see what we can offer you.
- We're here to help all members and non-members. Your help and input can help us do more to help you.



**You may already belong to one or several breed associations or horse clubs. They all have specific purposes, and you support them because they meet your needs.**

**The NYS Horse Council serves as the umbrella organization that unites New York's diverse horse community into one unified voice to promote and protect the interests of New York State's horse industry.**

### What Does the NYSHC Do?

We partner with New York State Farm Bureau to monitor and advise on pending legislation and on the developing concerns of New York agriculture. Out of all the legislators in Albany, only a handful have experience in farming, and fewer still own or have experience with horses. We believe it is important that our voice be heard when laws are being proposed that will impact agriculture and horses.

### Our Successes Include:

- Horse boarding declared an agricultural pursuit, which facilitates tax advantages.
- Law mandating humane transport of horses through New York State.
- New York 100 Mile Competitive Trail Ride (27 consecutive years).
- Expansion of the New York Trail System.
- Support of Cornell's Diagnostic Lab and Equine Facility.
- Standardized Road Signs.
- Law limiting landowner liability for equestrian usage.
- Requirement for Equine Rabies Vaccination for State Fairground Events.
- Many more details @ [www.nyshc.org](http://www.nyshc.org)

## **Benefits for NYSHC membership include:**

- Affiliation with USEF and AHC allows member discounts on travel, hotels, John Deere equipment, Dodge trucks, UPS, and many other items. (details on website)
- Coverage with Equisure group policy, \$1,000,000 Excess Personal Liability Insurance group policy.
- Representatives in your area who will present your concerns and advocate for your interests locally and state-wide.
- Eligibility for NYSHC Ride-Drive Program, providing recognition for hours spent riding or driving your horse.
- Quarterly e-newsletter keeps you informed.
- Eligibility for \$500 scholarship at any of several equine programs at NY State colleges.
- Opportunity to become a region representative, and have a positive impact on the New York equine industry.