



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.

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 NYSHC includes horse clubs, breed associations and equine organizations.



What Does the NYSHC Do?

We partner with The American Horse Council, The Coalition of State Horse Councils and the Empire State Council of Agricultural Organizations, Inc. to monitor and advocate for legislation that supports the concerns of New York agriculture and livestock. 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 specifically 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.
- Improvement and expansion of the New York Trail System.
- Inherent risk legislation.
- Law limiting landowner liability for equestrian usage.
- Requirement for Equine Rabies Vaccination for State Fairground Events.
- Many more details at www.nyshc.org



Benefits for NYSHC membership include:

- Affiliation with American Horse Council (AHC) allows member discounts on travel, hotels, Equisure, US Rider, Manhattan Saddlery and more. (details on website)
- Coverage with Equisure group policy, \$1,000,000 Excess Personal Liability Insurance group policy.
- NYSHC representatives in your area who will present your concerns and advocate for you interests locally and state-wide.
- Eligibility for NYSHC Ride-Drive Program, providing recognition and awards for hours spent riding or driving your horse.
- Quarterly newsletter keeps you informed of current equine health concerns and events.
- Individual family and youth members are eligible for \$1,000 scholarship at any of several equine programs at NY State colleges.
- Opportunity to become a region representative, and to have a positive impact on the growth and sustainability of the New York equine industry.



Regions

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

**Each New York State Horse Council
is represented by designated
directors.**

**Local chapters of
NYS Horse Council exist in
Western NY and the Hudson Valley.**

Who Should Join?

- NYS Horse Council represents all breeds and disciplines, in all parts of New York State. Members include individuals, families, equine clubs & organizations and businesses.
- We track the issues that concern you, keep in constant touch with Albany legislature and present informed advocacy to pending legislation. As a member of the American Horse Council, federal issues are also addressed.
- We provide current information on our website, www.nyshc.org about issues that affect you, upcoming events, our programs and trails across New York State.
- If you live in New York, own horses, have an equine related business or club, or just love horses, check us out and see what we can offer you.
- Your membership will help the NYSHC advocate for the sustainability of the Horse Industry in New York State. To join, go to www.nyshc.org and click on **JOIN**.



Why **YOU** Should Join the New York Horse Council



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