



MEMBERSHIP PROSPECTUS

OCTOBER 2024



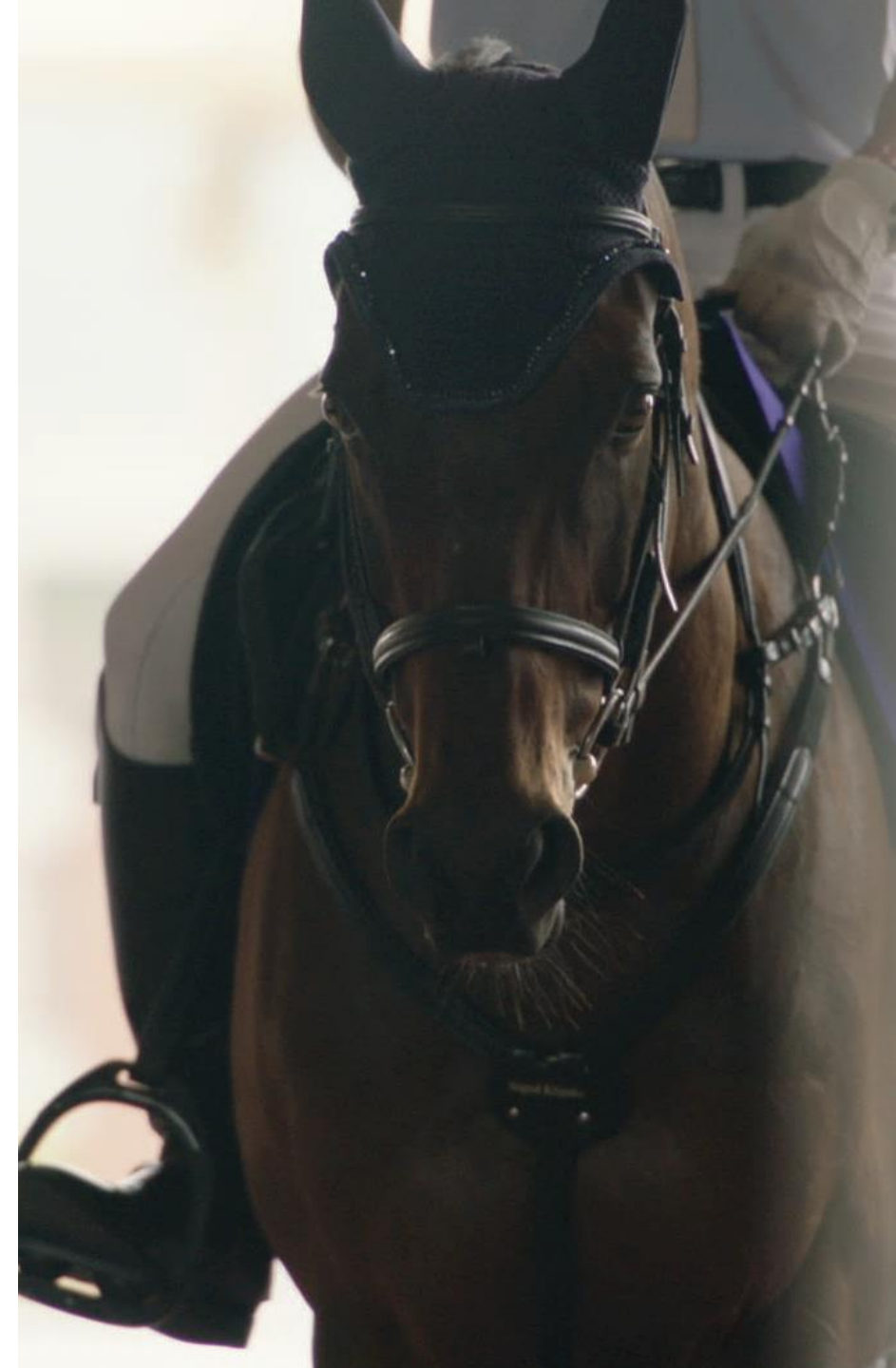


ABOUT US

The International Forum for the Aftercare of Racehorses (IFAR) is an organisation dedicated to promoting the care of Thoroughbreds during their lifetime.

IFAR membership is now available for racing and aftercare organisations and individuals who embrace the mission, objectives, and values of IFAR as set forth in the Membership Charter.

Becoming a member of IFAR allows responsible organisations to publicly demonstrate their commitment to the aftercare of racehorses.





ABOUT US – IFAR STEERING COMMITTEE



Dr Eliot Forbes (Chair)
CEO Racing Integrity Board (New Zealand)



Jim Gagliano
President and COO, The Jockey Club (US)
Vice-Chair, International Federation of Horse Racing Authorities (IFHA)



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Director of Business Development, The Jockey Club (US),
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Secretary-General, European and Mediterranean Horseracing Federation (EMHF)
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Director of Charities, Godolphin



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Head of Public Affairs, Federation Nationale des Courses Hippiques



OUR OBJECTIVES

1. Raise awareness globally of the importance of welfare
2. To improve education on lifetime care
3. Develop a network & share best practice between aftercare organisations
4. Promote the versatility, adaptability & potential of Thoroughbreds for equestrian sport

OUR ACTIVITIES

- Annual IFAR Conference
- Development and sharing of best practice aftercare resources (e.g. *The Aftercare Toolkit*)
- Communications and engagement
 - International newsletter
 - Social media channels
 - International event calendar
- International outreach program
- Advocacy & education



“Promoting equine welfare before, during and after a horse’s racing career is vital in ensuring the public’s confidence in the sport is maintained and is integral to the future health of horseracing.”

Jim Gagliano, IFAR Committee; The Jockey Club (US)

IFAR HISTORY



OCTOBER 2016
IFAR is formalised

MAY 2018
IFAR Conference at 37th ARC,
Seoul, South Korea

FEBRUARY 2020
IFAR Conference at 38th ARC,
Cape Town, South Africa

FEBRUARY 2023
IFAR Conference at 39th ARC,
Melbourne, Australia

MAY 2024
IFAR launches Membership &
Supporter initiative



MAY 2017
IFAR Conference at Pan American
Conference, Washington, D.C.

MAY 2019
IFAR Conference at EMHF's
General Assembly, Oslo, Norway

2021 + 2022
Virtual conferences held

MAY 2023
Agreement reached to recognise
Thoroughbreds in Olympics & FEI Events

AUGUST 2024
IFAR Conference at 40th ARC,
Sapporo, Japan



BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

In front a full house in Sapporo, Japan in August 2024, IFAR conducted its eighth forum, which was held in conjunction with the 40th Asian Racing Conference (ARC).

With over 200 registered delegates and local dignitaries, IFAR presented a full-day program, including a field visit to Sapporo Racecourse Equestrian Center and a traditional conference featuring expert presentations and discussion.

IFAR has previously conducted conferences in Melbourne, Cape Town, Oslo, Seoul, and Washington D.C. Virtual conferences were conducted in 2021 and 2022.



“In recent years, it has become increasingly important for the racing industry to properly address the issue of horse welfare. I believe that addressing the issue of welfare and aftercare of racehorses is an unavoidable challenge that must be met to sustain the sport and sports betting worldwide.”

Masayoshi Yoshida, JRA President and CEO

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

In 2023, IFAR and the EMHF worked with the World Breeding Federation for Sports Horses (WBFSH), the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI), and the International Stud Book Committee (ISBC) to have Thoroughbreds competing in equestrian disciplines be recognised in the starting lists and results.

In past Olympics, the retired Thoroughbred racehorses competing were listed only as “breeding unknown.”

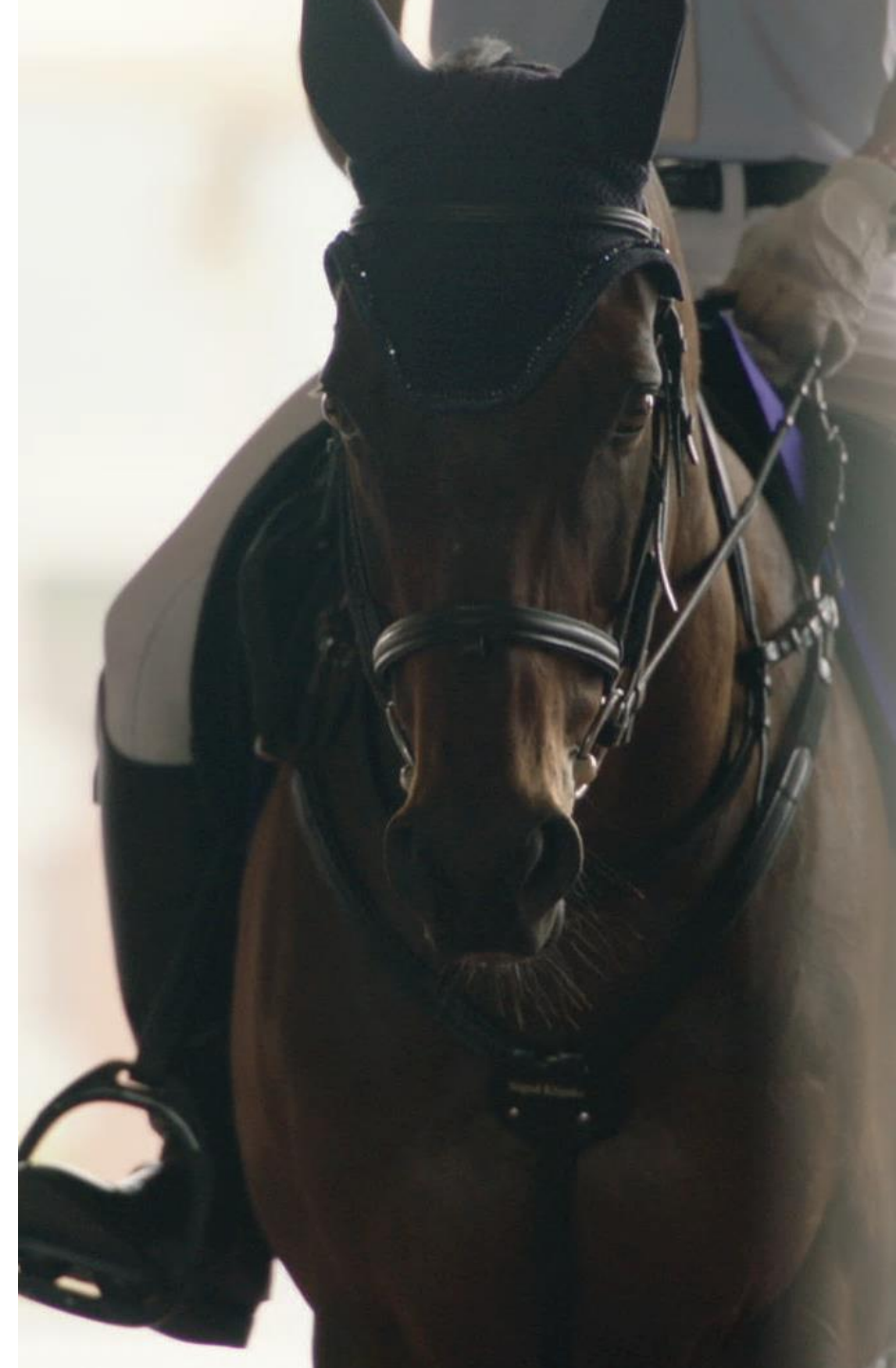


“This recognition will both further the message that Thoroughbreds do go on to compete with distinction in other equestrian disciplines and prompt more Thoroughbred owners to consider this retirement option for their racehorses”



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

- Membership costs **US\$2,000/year**. Dues will be used to support IFAR's work, including conducting the annual IFAR Conference, newsletters, social media content creation, advocacy, and promotional initiatives.
- Membership and Supporter applications are subject to approval by the IFAR Steering Committee.
- Those unable to contribute financially should consider becoming an IFAR Supporter, which is free.
- Sponsorship opportunities are also available.



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Becoming a member of IFAR allows responsible organisations to publicly demonstrate their commitment to the aftercare of racehorses.

- Members are permitted to use and promote the IFAR logo in association with their brand.
- Members have full voting and nomination rights and are eligible to serve on committees.

Supporters are entitled to attend members' meetings but are not entitled to participate in voting or nomination processes.



MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Membership is open to:

- National (or state-based) racing regulatory bodies or federations thereof
- Race clubs, racecourses, or racetracks
- Individuals with an interest in racehorse aftercare
- Racing participant associations, alliances, or representative bodies
- Aftercare providers and charities
- Commercial or media entities



SUPPORTING RACING'S FUTURE



“Any racing sustainability strategy must include welfare elements, with a particular focus on aftercare. IFAR’s work to share best practice, advocate for aftercare and facilitate these gatherings now becomes more important than ever before.”

Dr Eliot Forbes, Chair IFAR

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