



# **HEALTHY HIDES OF HOUSTON**

## **STANDING RULES**

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## **The Standing Rules of Healthy Hides of Houston Revised April 2022 (Rev. 9)**

### **Article I Membership**

#### **Section 1.0 New Member Application Process**

- 1.1 A standard information packet shall be sent to people who contact HHH, request information and provide a name and address where that information can be sent.
- 1.2 The standard information packet shall be composed of:
  - An appropriate cover letter which briefly describes HHH and invites the inquirer to meet with HHH members at First Friday.
- 1.3 All singles and all couples who intend to apply for membership in HHH as new members, and are not former members of HHH, and are not known to the members of HHH must first meet with HHH members at a First Friday function.
- 1.4 HHH officers attending First Friday function shall attempt to meet any visitors to those functions and begin to form a judgement as to whether those visitors should be invited to any unclothed HHH events. This judgment shall take into considerations the officer's own impressions as well as the feelings and impressions of other HHH members who were also present.
- 1.5 An email will be sent to a prospective member inviting them to the next HHH event provided there have been no objections from the Board members who attended First Friday.
- 1.6 Upon eligibility of a prospective member to become a member, the Membership Chair will contact all Board of Directors (via email or phone) for their approval or disapproval. If the majority vote is for approval, the Membership Chair shall send a copy of the membership application to the prospective member along with copy of the Standing Rules, By-laws and Club Policies and Nude Etiquette.
- 1.7 All Membership Application forms submitted to HHH shall be sent to the Certifying Officer.

#### **Section 2.0 Former Member Application Process**

- 2.1 Former members of HHH may apply to rejoin HHH, subject to the rules stated in the By-Laws.
- 2.2 Former members who were eligible to renew their memberships, but allowed their memberships to expire, may be reinstated by simply submitting a Membership Renewal form along with payment of dues, if such action comes before the end of the third month following the expiration of their memberships.

- 2.3 Former members must submit a new Membership Application form if they terminated their memberships by resignation, and were not under consideration for disciplinary action, or were eligible to renew their memberships, but allowed their memberships to expire, and more than three months have passed. At the discretion of the Board of Directors they may not need to attend a First Friday function, if rejoining within 1 year of resignation.
- 2.4 Former members who terminated their memberships by resignation, and were under consideration for disciplinary action, or whose memberships were terminated by the Board of Directors, or whose memberships expired, and they were not permitted to renew, may not apply to rejoin HHH unless the Board of Directors votes to allow them to apply to rejoin.

### **Section 3.0 Membership Renewal Process**

- 3.1 The Board of Directors shall have a list of current HHH members, containing such information as each member's name, current known address and telephone number, expiration date of membership, and whether the member holds his or her AANR membership through some other club. The Board of Directors shall receive an updated copy of this list from the Certifying Officer at each significant Board meeting.
- 3.2 At the beginning of the month the Certifying Officer shall review the list of members to identify those members whose memberships are due to expire at the end of the month. The Board of Directors, via email from the Certifying Officer, shall determine, in their best judgment, if it would be best for HHH if any such members were not permitted to renew their memberships.
- 3.3 The decision to not permit a member to renew his or her membership must be made by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- 3.4 Members who are permitted to renew their memberships shall be sent a renewal invoice, giving them the option to renew or not renew.
- 3.5 Members who are not permitted to renew their memberships shall be sent a statement notifying them of this decision and the reason why by the Certifying Officer.
- 3.6 At the beginning of the month the Certifying Officer shall review the list of members to identify those members whose memberships were due to expire at the end of the previous month, and were offered the opportunity to renew, but who have not yet responded. Another renewal invoice shall be sent to such members.
- 3.7 Any members who do not send their renewal payment by the end of the month following the expiration date of their membership, shall be considered to have terminated their memberships as of the expiration date, and their names shall be removed from the list of current members.

## **Section 4.0 General Rules**

- 4.1 In acting on applications for membership, the Board of Directors shall use discretion in admitting new single members, in order to maintain a three to one balance between males and females. New single male members should not be accepted if their addition to the membership should cause the ratio of single males to single females to exceed 3 to 1. Single males should not exceed a total of 20. Likewise, should the addition of a single female exceed a 3 to 1 ratio, the same would apply. All single members must participate in a minimum of three scheduled HHH events in a 12-month period in order to be considered for renewal.
- 4.2 Whenever new members are added, current members renew or are not permitted to renew, or current memberships are terminated, the following actions and notifications shall occur:
- All members of the Board of Directors shall receive an updated membership listing
  - Upon request by any member of the Board of Directors, he/she shall receive a copy of the membership applications
  - The Treasurer shall receive checks or monies paid for membership dues
  - The Certifying Officer shall receive the originals of the membership application and/or renewal forms.
- 4.3 Membership dues for one social year for each single member are \$40.50 for the first year and \$30 for subsequent years for allocation to HHH plus other amounts established by AANR, and charged to singles, for allocation to AANR and to AANR-SW.
- 4.4 Membership dues for one social year for each student member (18-25) currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning are \$32.50 for the first and subsequent years for allocation to HHH plus other amounts established by AANR, and charged to singles, for allocation to AANR and to AANR-SW.
- 4.5 Membership dues for one social year for each couple are \$50.50 for the first year and \$40.00 for subsequent years for allocation to HHH plus other amounts established by AANR, and charged to couples, for allocation to AANR and to AANR-SW.
- 4.6 All HHH members who change status must re-submit a new membership application. No additional membership fees or approval by the membership committee would be required.

Note: This would NOT apply if one member of a couple becomes deceased or if an un-married couple originally joined as a couple, but later get married.

Examples of changing status are as follows:

- Two people who originally joined HHH as a couple, (married or not), but no longer consider themselves a couple. Note: Each person who intends to remain a member of HHH, must complete a new membership application

- Two people who originally joined HHH separately as single members, but now consider themselves a couple (married or not).

4.7 Any married prospective member wanting to join HHH as a single, must first attend a First Friday or meet with a Board Member, with their spouse.



## **Article II Visitors**

### **Section 1.0 Kinds of Visitors**

- 1.1 Visitors to HHH events may be classified as:
- Persons who have or are considering applying for membership in HHH and are not already members of AANR, and who are new to social nudism, and who have only recently met members of HHH.
  - Persons who have or are considering applying for membership in HHH and are already members of AANR, or are experienced in the practice of social nudism, or are reasonably well acquainted with members of HHH.
  - Guests/Visitors of HHH Host(s) or HHH members attending the event, who are not necessarily considering applying for membership in HHH, and who do not attend unclothed HHH events on a regular or semi regular basis.
  - Persons who are not considering applying for membership in HHH but are already members of AANR, or are experienced in the practice of social nudism, and are visiting in the area and wish to attend the event.
- 1.2 Members of the news media who wish to attend as guests, and who might write about their experiences for later publication, may be invited to HHH functions with the consent of the Host(s) and the general consent of the other attendees, and provided they have been informed and agreed to abide by the rules of confidentiality. However, members of the news media shall not be permitted to attend with news crews and cameras and other paraphernalia in order to "do a story on the nudists."

### **Section 2.0 Unclothed Events**

- 2.1 Persons who are not already members of AANR, and who are new to social nudism, and who have only recently met members of HHH, shall not be permitted to attend an unclothed event of HHH until they have first attended a clothed event. In such cases the decision to invite them to an unclothed event shall be made at the discretion of the officers, Host(s).
- 2.2 Guests/visitors may be invited to attend an unclothed event at the discretion of the officers, Host(s), without the necessity of their first attending a clothed event.
- 2.3 Persons who are considering applying for membership in HHH shall be permitted to attend no more than two unclothed events. After the second event, a Membership Application must be submitted to the Certifying Officer before they can attend any further unclothed events. After the second event, a prospective member, visitor or guest must pay either pay a \$25.00 party fee per couple or single, per party or submit their application for membership with appropriate fees.
- 2.4 Any guest/s/visitors attending unclothed events of HHH more than twice in an HHH house party season (Sept.- May) as guests of an HHH Host(s) or HHH member, shall pay appropriate application fees or a \$25.00 (per couple or single) social party fee per party.

## **Article III HHH Events**

### **Section 1.0 House Parties**

- 1.1 The Host(s) will furnish the meeting place.
- 1.2 Members and guests shall provide food and beverages.
- 1.3 The Host(s) shall decide whether alcoholic beverages are allowed.
- 1.4 Smoking is never allowed at Healthy Hides of Houston parties. The smoking prohibition applies to both indoor and outdoor areas at house parties and to the indoor areas at HHH sponsored resort parties. This rule is for the benefit of all club members and guests in attendance and may not be compromised.
- 1.5 The hours of the party shall be from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm, unless the Host(s) specifies otherwise. Respect the Host(s) by leaving on time. Don't wait to be asked to leave.
- 1.6 Members are responsible for any damage to the Host(s) property due to their own actions, or the actions of their family or guests.
- 1.7 HHH officers have a special responsibility to observe any improper or unseemly behavior. Such behavior may necessitate corrective action.
- 1.8 HHH officers have a special responsibility to assist the Host(s) as needed. The Hospitality Committee will setup and cleanup as appropriate and the members, visitors or guests shall be expected to clean up after themselves.
- 1.9 The Host(s) may at their option, receive a gift of \$100.00 to help defray the cost of hosting the party.
- 1.10 Attendance at HHH house parties is limited to adults over the age of 18. Children under 18 are welcome at any HHH event held at landed clubs where children under 18 years old are normally permitted.
- 1.11 If a Host(s) allows alcohol consumption, it will be BYOB only. Host(s) shall not serve alcohol to any party attendee. This is for the protection of the Host(s) from any possible liability.
- 1.12 No person shall exit a Host(s) house without their clothes on, where you could be visible to neighbors.
- 1.13 Cell phones are to be kept in the changing room during the party. Exceptions may be made under special emergency situations at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

## **Section 2.0 Pictures**

- 2.1 Pictures shall be taken at HHH events only with the consent of those in the picture.
- 2.2 Special care shall be taken in arranging for the developing, copying and use of pictures taken at HHH events, so that the confidentiality of the members and guests is protected.
- 2.3 A photo release form will be required to be signed by members allowing pictures to be posted on the HHH Website or newsletter.

## **Article IV Other Matters**

### **Section 1.0 The HHH Newsletter**

- 1.1 The HHH newsletter shall be published monthly, by the Monday before First Friday, throughout the year.
- 1.2 Special editions of the newsletter may be published as needed.

### **Section 2.0 Authority of the Standing Rules**

- 2.1 Amendments of the Standing Rules may be made at any time by a simple majority of the Board of Directors.
- 2.2 If amendments to the Standing Rules are made during the social year, a copy of the current, up to date Standing Rules shall be emailed, distributed at First Friday, or distributed at a house party to each member of HHH upon approval of the revised Standing Rules.
- 2.3 All new members of HHH shall be provided with a copy of the Standing Rules at the time they are notified of the acceptance of their membership application.
- 2.4 Acceptance of membership in HHH shall be considered as agreement to abide by the Standing Rules.
- 2.5 All members of HHH shall be presumed to have read and understood the Standing Rules.