

IOWA QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Article I Name and Purpose

Section 1. This organization shall be named the Iowa Quarter Horse Youth Association and shall be a division of the Iowa Quarter Horse Association. It shall operate within the scope of the constitution and bylaws of the Iowa Quarter Horse Youth Association. The Iowa Quarter Horse Youth Association is a non-profit organization and is not responsible for any loss due to accident, theft, or injury.

Section 2. The objectives and purposes of the Iowa Quarter Horse Youth Association, hereafter referred to as the IQHYA, shall be as follows: (a) To improve and promote the American Quarter Horse breed; (b) To improve and develop the capabilities of youth, both individually and through group participation, in the breeding, raising and exhibition of the American Quarter Horses; (c) To develop and improve scholarship, leadership and community interest and participation of young horsemen; (d) To encourage high moral character, sportsmanship, and other desirable traits of character.

Article II Membership

Section 1. Membership shall consist of any youth that has not passed his 19th birthday on January 1 of the current year. The age of the youth on January 1 shall be maintained throughout the entire year.

Section 2. Annual IQHYA membership fee shall be \$10.00. Membership shall give you voting privileges. Membership to be effective when the application and fee is received by the Iowa Quarter Horse Youth Association Secretary. An exhibitor shall pay \$10.00 annual membership and submit a \$50.00 sponsorship in order to be eligible for the Youth World, Congress team and year-end awards. IQHYA state points will not be awarded until membership and sponsorship is received by the Iowa Quarter Horse Youth Association Secretary. Exhibitors points shall start as of postmark date or official IQHYA receipt date.

Section 3. Errors in membership or sponsorship (a) In cases of error, by applicant, in fees or application, the above membership and/or sponsorship starting date will become effective the date the error is corrected; (b) Correctable errors may be made in the event the error was inadvertently caused by officers of IQHYA or IQHA.

Article III Officers and Directors

Section 1. The Iowa Quarter Horse Youth Association and Advisor(s) shall manage the business and property of the organization. The IQHYA Advisor(s) shall be elected by the members of this association and recommended to the Iowa Quarter Horse Association president for approval at their annual meeting. The IQHYA Youth Advisor(s) shall be a member of IQHA in good standing. This office shall be a two (2) year term.

Section 2. Officers: The officers of the Organization shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter who shall be elected annually, at the time of the annual meeting of the Iowa Quarter Horse Association. Such officers shall hold office for a period of one year and until their successors are elected.

(a) President: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the association and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the association subject to the direction of the officers and directors. The President shall appoint all committees of the association subject to the approval of the officers and directors.

(b) Vice President: The Vice President shall be in charge in the absence, disability or inability to act of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President and shall perform such other duties as the President shall from time to time prescribe. The Vice President is in charge of the Youth Show.

(c) Secretary: The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and of the officers and directors and shall record or cause to be recorded all votes taken and the minutes of all proceedings in a minute book of the association to be kept for that purpose. The secretary shall perform like duties for the committees when requested to do so. The Secretary will send a copy of meeting minutes to be published in the Iowa Quarter Horse Magazine. The Secretary shall keep an updated IQHYA membership/sponsorship roster.

The secretary shall send notification, by postcard or via email two (2) weeks prior to meetings to IQHYA members. The secretary shall see that all members receive a membership card, a copy of the IQHYA Constitution and bylaws and name forwarded to the IQHYA point secretary and Iowa Quarter Horse Magazine.

(d) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have the responsibility of preparing a budget, report to all meetings of the association's expenditures in relation to the budget and work under the guidance of the Youth Advisor(s).

(e) Point Secretary: The Point Secretary shall keep an accurate tabulation of all state points earned by members with paid sponsorship. IQHYA points shall be posted on the Saturday of each IQHA-approved Quarter Horse Show, no later than 10:00 AM. Points will be available for review throughout the weekend. The Point Secretary shall endeavor to keep the posted points current and up-to-date. The Point Secretary shall send current point standings following the recording of each show results to the IQHYA Advisor and the website manager. The IQHYA points are to be updated on the IQHA website following each show to keep the information current. The point standings should be sent to the Iowa Quarter Horse Magazine prior to each publication date for printing in the magazine. Questions regarding the point standings shall be address to the Youth Advisor. The point secretary will work with an IQHYA adult director.

(f) Reporter: The reporter shall have the responsibility of reporting on the activities of the Association and of the individual members of the Association to the Iowa Quarter Horse Magazine and the Quarter Horse Journal. The Reporter shall serve as historian of the Association and shall have and perform other such duties, authorities and responsibilities as may be prescribed from time to time by the President of the Youth Advisor(s). Duties shall include reporting IQHYA activities to the Iowa Quarter Horse Magazine, the IQHA website and the American Quarter Horse Journal monthly. The reporter will work with an IQHYA adult director.

(g) Award Vice President shall be in charge of awards (year-end, Youth World and Congress) and shall work with an IQHYA adult director.

(h) Fund Raising Vice President shall be in charge of fund raising events and shall work with an IQHYA adult director.

(i) Parade of Teams Vice President shall be in charge of the AQHYA Parade of Teams at the Youth World Show and shall work with an IQHYA adult director.

Section 3. Youth and Adult Directors

(a) Youth Directors: There shall be eight (8) youth directors, two (2) from each of the four (4) districts which are divided by Interstate 35, North and South, and Highway 30, East and West. The Youth Directors shall be responsible for welcoming and coordinating activities in the districts.

(b) Adult IQHYA Directors: There shall be six (6) adult directors elected at the IQHYA annual meeting. The adult directors shall be members of IQHA in good standing. Each adult director shall assist in youth activities: 1. Points, 2. Awards, 3. Fund Raising, 4. Parade of Teams, 5. Reporter, 6. Membership.

(c) National AQHYA Delegates: Delegates to the AQHYA Convention shall selected by an application process, with applications due March 1 of the year. Four delegates will be selected based on their applications, reviewed by the Youth Advisor and a committee of adult directors.

(d) Past President: IQHYA Past President shall automatically become a member of the board for the following year. If, however, the ex-officio exceeds the age limit, he/she shall participate as a non-voting consultant.

Section 4. Replacing an Officer. In the event an IQHYA Officer is unable to fulfill his or her duties, a replacement for the officer will be chosen by the current IQHYA Board of Officers.

Article IV Iowa Quarter Horse Youth Association Point System

Section 1. State points are awarded to first through ninth placing. The system (provided there are at least nine horses in the class) is: 1st place 9 points, 2nd place 8 points, 3rd place 7 points, 4th place 6 points, 5th place 5 points, 6th place 4 points, 7th place 3 points, 8th place 2 points, 9th place 1 point. If there are

fewer than nine horses in the class, 1st place will receive the same number of points as the number of horses in the class. For example: 1st place 3 points, 2nd place 2 points, 3rd place 1 point. National points, including 1/2 point, will be added to state points.

Number of horses in class	<u>AQHA National Points Scale</u>										
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	
3-4	1/2										
5-9	1	1/2									
10-14	2	1	1/2								
15-19	3	2	1	1/2							
20-24	4	3	2	1	1/2						
25-29	5	4	3	2	1	1/2					
30-34	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2				
35-39	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2			
40-44	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2		
45 & more		9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2

State Grand and Reserve halter points will be awarded as follows: Grand Champion horse receives 2 state points and Reserve Champion horse receives 1 state point. No additional national points will be added to Grand and Reserve Championships.

Section 2. Year End Awards

- (a) An exhibitor's IQHYA points will begin when their membership and sponsorship are paid.
- (b) In order to be eligible for a state IQHYA year end award, or listed in the annual directory, an exhibitor must enter that class a minimum of five (5) times in the current show year.
- (c) All awards are based on the compiled points of one horse, one youth combination (with the exception of the Exhibitor - Two or More Horses award).
- (d) Awards will be given 1st through 4th place in each youth activity event, provided the exhibitor meets the eligibility requirements. A Youth competing in the 9 & under classes and the 13 & under classes may not earn more than one award per event. The youth must select which division they wish to receive their year end award when award selections are made.
- (e) High Point and Reserve awards will be given in 9 & under, 13 & under and 14-18 divisions. Points to include performance and halter divisions only.
- (f) A year end all around youth award will be given to the youth who earns the most points with one horse in youth activity halter and performance classes. Points must have been earned in at least two performance categories and halter, with a minimum of five points in a minimum of five shows in the lowest division.
- (g) A High Point Exhibitor award will be given to the youth that has shown two or more horses. If one horse exceeds 75% of the total points, the 75% of the total points are used for that horse in addition to the points from the other individual horses shown by that exhibitor. Each horse must be shown a minimum of five shows to use their points.
- (h) Novice or Walk Trot classes do not count toward High Point or All-Around Youth awards (exception 9 & under classes are all walk trot).
- (i) Year end awards will not cost more than: Each youth activity event: First \$70.00; Second \$55.00; Third \$40.00; Fourth \$30.00; High Point 13 & under \$110.00; Reserve High Point 13 & under \$73.00; High Point 14-18 \$110.00; Reserve High Point 14-18 \$73.00; High Point Novice \$110.00; Reserve High Point Novice \$73.00; High Point 2 or more horses \$147.00; High Point All-Around \$293.00; Reserve All-Around \$147.00; High Point Exhibitor 9 & Under \$110; Reserve High Point Exhibitor 9 & under \$73.00.
- (j) Award choices shall be left to the discretion of the Awards Vice President.

- (k) Only AQHYA-approved classes shall be counted towards year-end high point awards (walk trot NOT to count with the exception of the 9 & under classes for the High Point 9 & Under Exhibitor).
- (l) Tie-breakers for year-end high point awards will be as follows: first - national AQHYA points, second - most wins, third - least amount of shows.
- (m) Award values may be combined to purchase one award item if the exhibitor chooses and notifies the Awards Vice President no later than November 1. Cash amounts will not be paid out as awards.

Article V Selection of teams representing Iowa Quarter Horse Youth Association

Section 1. AQHYA World Championship Show Team.

- (a) Points will count for the Iowa Quarter Horse Association approved shows only. For 2005 and beyond, the qualifying period will begin June 16 of the year and run until June 15 of the following year for that year's qualifying – i.e. 2011 World Show Qualifying Period will be June 16, 2010 through June 15, 2011.
- (b) All regular AQHA approved youth classes will be considered qualifying classes. When the classes are split by age, each class will be used to determine points for that event (ie western pleasure 13 & under and 14-18).
- (c) The youth earning the highest number of points in a given class in his or her best six (6) shows will be the first team member selected. The youth with the second highest number of points from his or her best six (6) shows will be the second team member selected. An alternate will be chosen by the third highest number of points in his or her best six (6) shows. If that person chooses not to be on the team, the next highest point earner will be asked to be an alternate. Upon notification by the Youth Advisor of team eligibility, the exhibitor shall have 2 days to accept or decline so that others may be contacted in a timely fashion.
- (d) Nationally Qualified Youth: Youth wishing to participate with the IQHYA World Show Team must file a World Show Nomination letter of intent by May 1. AQHYA National Qualifying Period is May 1 – April 30. Nationally qualified team members must meet member participation requirements to earn the World Show Team recognition award.
- (e) If anyone has interest in participation in performance classes offered at the Youth World and less than six of these classes have been offered in Iowa prior to the qualifying deadline, the Youth Advisor must be notified by Letter of Intent, available from Youth Advisor, by June 15. For these classes, points earned from January 1 through June 15 will have priority. The balance of the team in these classes will be chosen by priority given to the past show record of horse. If you are interested in coming a halter class team member in horse age groups other than the first, second, and alternate team qualifiers, you may exhibit during the Iowa Show Circuit. Total points earned under the IQHYA point system during the Iowa Show Circuit that are Iowa approved, plus any points earned from January 1 will determine the first, second and alternate team members. In the event of a tie, the total points (Iowa & national) earned from January 1 to the end of the qualifying shows will be taken. This is for performance and halter classes. The Youth Advisor must be notified of your interest in being a halter class team member prior to the qualifying deadline.
- (f) Any youth interested in showing at the Youth World Show must sign a Letter of Intent. Letters of Intent need to be signed for all classes offered at the Youth World Show. Exhibitors do not need to sign Letters of Intent to show in any or all youth classes. Only those who wish to show at the Youth World Show or Congress NYATT teams. Letter of intent to be filed by May 1 with youth advisor.
- (g) AQHYA Hardship Requests: AQHYA Hardship requests will be accepted as long as the youth meets the same World Show Team Member Participation Requirements as the Iowa Team Members.
- (h) World Show Team Member Participation Requirements: IQHYA Membership and Sponsorship Amounts must be paid prior to earning qualifying points. World Show Team Members must attend one (1) IQHYA Meeting and participate in one (1) IQHYA Fundraiser during the qualifying period.

(m) Should a youth join IQHYA late in the year, with obvious sole intent to become eligible for the Youth World Show team, that youth will be required to pay a \$100 sponsorship fee, in addition to meeting the other requirements and participation in any other World Show Qualifying fundraisers.

Section 2. IQHYA Team Rules

(a) When teams are chosen, and those on the team have signified they are going, both the youth and parent shall sign the official AQHYA entry card, and have written approval from parent or guardian who will be responsible for the conduct and care of the youth. Should a team member arrive at an unforeseen emergency, that team member shall submit their reason to the IQHYA Youth Advisor(s). Should the reason be found valid, the alternate would be notified immediately. Non-valid reasons are subject to the penalties below.

(b) Should a team member who has signed the paper stating that he or she is going to show with the team, not show up without informing IQHYA Youth Advisor(s), he or she shall forfeit next year's team privileges and points from his or her four previous shows will not count for year end awards and no year end award will be awarded to him or her in the classes he or she was nominated for.

(c) Participants of teams pay all their own expenses **and class entry fees, payable to IQHYA at the time entries are made.** IQHYA will give each team member of the Youth World Show team reimbursement amount and appropriate recognition not exceeding an amount determined at the annual meeting. You must be a member of AQHYA by May 31 of the current year to participate at the AQHYA World Championship Show.

Section 3. National Youth Activity Team Tournament at the All American Quarter Horse Congress

(a) IQHYA will fund two (2) NYATT teams – the IQHA Team and the IQHRA Team (provided the IQHRA will sponsor a team). Teams will be selected by earning qualifying points during the Congress Qualifying Period at IQHYA approved shows. The only classes offered in the NYATT competition are: showmanship, western pleasure, western horsemanship, hunter under saddle, reining and barrels. Team members are responsible for their **entry fees**, stall fees and all expenses. The first team will consist of the highest qualifiers of the most points. The second team is the next highest qualifiers unless the first team member forfeits.

(b) Team will be chosen in the same way as the World Team. The first team member selected will be the top point earner, the second team member will be the second point earner, the alternate the third and so on. Upon notification by Youth Advisor of team eligibility exhibitor will have 2 days to accept or decline so that others may be contacted in a timely fashion.

(c) Congress NYATT qualifying period will be 12 months, running from August 2 – August 1.

(d) IQHYA will give each member of the Congress team a jacket, the value not to exceed the amount determined at the annual meeting.

(e) Participants must pay all their own expenses **and class entry fees. Each member is allowed to enter (2) NYATT classes.**

(f) Participants must abide by the IQHYA team rules previously outlined in Article IV, Section 2.

(g) Congress Nomination Letter of Intent: must be signed and recorded with the IQHYA Youth Advisor **by July 1** for qualifying points to be earned for Congress NYATT teams. IQHYA membership and sponsorship must be paid prior to points counting for qualifying. Congress NYATT team members must meet team participation requirements as outlined for World Show Team qualifying.

(g) Nationally qualified Youth World Show exhibitors have an automatic spot on the Congress teams. These national qualifiers will not need to show to earn qualifying points toward the Congress teams but they must file a Congress qualifying letter of intent prior to May 1. In the event that there are more than four nationally qualified youth per Congress team class, the Congress team will be determined using those exhibitors' best six youth classes during the qualifying period shall determine the spots on the Congress teams.

Section 4. IQHYA World Show Judges Team expectations. (a) be a member in good standing of AQHYA and have paid IQHYA membership and sponsorship prior to team selection; (b) attend video training and live workout session; (c) be familiar with rules and regulations regarding AQHA classes and be able to pass a written rules test and judge accordingly (specifically: hunter under saddle, hunter hack, western riding, reining, western pleasure, trail, and halter); (d) be able to place classes in acceptable order and be able to provide support for your selection through convincing oral reasons; (e) represent the state of Iowa fairly and appropriately; (f) understand the “team judging” process (splits, cuts, etc.).

Section 5. IQHYA World Show Judges Team Member selection.

- (a) Team members will be given priority based on their participation and ability to fulfill the above expectations. Consideration will be given to members that have previous judging experience through 4-H, FFA, College Clinic, etc.. It is recommended that team members have oral speaking experience.
- (b) FFA and 4-H teams wishing to represent IQHYA at the Youth World Show or Congress Judging Contests must apply in writing to IQHYA Youth Advisor and meet approval of IQHYA Judging Team Coach.
- (c) Judging Teams will be responsible for their own expenses **and the Judging Contest entry fee**. Judging Team Members must meet World Show and/or Congress Team Member Participation Requirements to earn team awards.
- (d) World Show Judging Team Signup deadline is June 15. Congress Judging Team signup deadline is August 1.

Article VI Show and Contest

Section 1. Please refer to AQHA Handbook.

Section 2. Walk Trot Division 9 & Under (a) Rider must be 9 years or under as of January 1 of the current year; (b) Youth showing in this division do not have to meet AQHA ownership requirements; (c) Competitors must pay IQHYA membership dues and sponsorship in order to be eligible for year end awards (d) Points earned in Walk Trot 9 & under will count towards the High Point 9 & Under Exhibitor Awards; (e) 9 & Under Exhibitors are eligible to show in all 13 & Under Youth Classes, where they must meet AQHA ownership requirements.

Section 3. Youth Lead-Line (a) Youth Rider may be any age; (b) The exhibitor does not need to own the horse they are exhibiting, but they must show a Quarter Horse; (c) To earn an IQHYA Year End Award, the exhibitor must be an IQHYA member, but the sponsorship fee is not required: (d) The lead-line entry fee shall be \$1.00; (e) If an exhibitor shows in Lead-Line, they are not eligible to show in any under saddle riding class in the same show.

Section 4. **Novice Youth Exhibitors – AQHA ownership requirements of horses will be followed by IQHYA.**

Article VII

Section 1. There shall be an annual meeting held concurrently with the IQHA annual meeting. The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of members present, notification being two (2) weeks prior to the meeting to the members in good standing.

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