



IOWA QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION TEAM QUALIFYING RULES

Section 1. AQHYA World Championship Show Team.

- (a) Points will count for the Iowa Quarter Horse Association approved shows only. The qualifying period for state qualifying will be January 1 to June 1 of the current year.
- (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) IQHA-approved 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 June 1. AQHYA National Qualifying Period is May 1 – April 30. Nationally qualified team members are expected to meet the same team requirements as state qualified members.
- (e) If a youth wishes to state qualify in a class that has not been offered six (6) times at IQHA-approved shows, they must notify the Youth Advisor by June 1 and meet the IQHYA membership and sponsorship requirements for state qualifying.
- (f) Any youth interested in showing at the Youth World Show must sign a Letter of Intent, available for download from IQHA website. 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 June 1 of the year participating, with youth advisor.
- (g) AQHYA Change of Affiliation Requests: AQHYA Change of Affiliation 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 or activity and participate in one (1) IQHYA Fundraiser during the qualifying period to receive team benefits. World Show team members are required to obtain at least \$150 in sponsorships specifically for the YWS team expenses.
- (i) Should a youth join IQHYA after June 1, 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.
- (b) 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, equitation, 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.
- (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 abide by the IQHYA team rules.
- (f) Congress Nomination Letter of Intent: Qualifying Letter of Intent is available for download on the IQHA website, and should be signed and recorded with the IQHYA Youth Advisor by June 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 should file a Congress qualifying letter of intent prior to June 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 (6) youth classes from IQHA-approved shows during the qualifying period shall determine the spots on the Congress teams.

Section 4. IQHYA Judging Teams

- (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 before June 1.

(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) Judging team expectations:

1. Team members be a member in good standing of AQHYA and have paid IQHYA membership and sponsorship prior to team selection;

2. 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);

3. be able to place classes in acceptable order and be able to provide support for your selection through convincing oral reasons;

4. represent the state of Iowa fairly and appropriately; (f) understand the “team judging” process (splits, cuts, etc.).

(e) World Show Judging Team Signup deadline is June 1. Congress Judging Team signup deadline is August 1.

These rules are subject to change and interpretation by the IQHYA Board of Directors, reviewed and updated April 2022.