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YOUTH QUALIFYING RULES FOR CONGRESS AND WORLD SHOW

ARKANSAS QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION QUALIFYING RULES

The purpose of the Youth Teams is to provide an opportunity for Arkansas Youth to participate in the American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship Show and the All American Quarter Horse Congress. These shows do not presently have age divisions (13 & under and 14 – 18).

The AQHYA World Championship Show offers every type of AQHA approved Youth class. All Halter Classes are divided into Yearlings, 2yr. Olds, 3yr. Olds, and Aged for Mares and Geldings as well as Mare and Gelding Performance Halter. Arkansas is able to send **six** youth for each class, plus those youth who are nationally invited. In the event that the six youth (with Letters of Intent in the office) are not available for an offered class, the youth committee may choose additional youth who have met the fundraising and membership requirements to participate on the team.

The National Youth Activities Team Tournament NYATT classes are **Showmanship, Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Reining, and Barrels.** The Arkansas Quarter Horse Youth Association will select two youth to participate in each class.

GENERAL RULES FOR YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

- A youth must be a member in good standing in order to be considered as a team participant. He must be a paid-up member of ArQHYA before his first qualifying show and of AQHYA by May 31 of the current year. **(Note these are 2 separate memberships.)**
- National Qualifiers to the Youth World Show also must meet all team requirements in order to be financially supported by ARQHYA (tack stalls, hospitality, shirts, etc.)
- All team members are responsible to the youth advisor and must abide by team rules. Team members shall at all times conduct themselves in a becoming manner. Each member's actions reflect on all ArQHYA members and the State in general. Conduct unbecoming to the team in general or to the Association is cause for dismissal from the team by the Youth Advisor.
- Youth World team stalls and aisles are to be kept clean during the entire week. We will participate in the Stall Decorating Contest at the Youth World.
- A LETTER OF INTENT IS MANDATORY for participation on the Youth World team postmarked on or before April 30 of the current year to the Youth Advisor.

YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

- Please check to see that ArQHYA dues are paid by the youth's first qualifying show for points to count toward qualifying. The points accumulated by one horse and rider per event for all Arkansas QHA shows will be tabulated. For purposes of selecting youth world team members, only the best scores from 80% of these individual shows will be used.
- Points tabulated for Youth World Team will be based on the ArQHA show point system. (See point

system in this manual.)

- Hardship cases from other states will be considered by the Youth Committee based on individual circumstances. The deadline to apply for a hardship is April 30 of the current year for that year's Youth World Show.
- All ties shall be decided by the total number of Firsts received by each tied member, then Seconds, etc. through Ninth until the tie is broken.

YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW RULES

- To be eligible to participate on the Youth World Championship team, all youth must have participated in required fundraisers. See website for details.
- The top six ArQHYA point earners in each youth class will be selected by the Youth Committee to participate in the Youth World Championship Show. Alternates, if needed, will be selected by the Youth Committee for the right to fill all classes with any ArQHYA member and any eligible AQHA horse if a class is not filled in the regular manner.
- Each state qualified youth will be allowed to participate in 3 classes per horse. Nationally invited youth and those approved by the Youth Committee may be allowed to participate in more than three classes.
- A Mandatory Meeting of all potential team members and their parents will be held at the Memorial Day Circuit IF the paperwork has been received from AQHA to compete World Show entries. If the paperwork has not been received, the entries will be done by mail and phone.

CONGRESS NYATT TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

- Team selection will be based on the following priority placing after all rules have been satisfied: highest number of National AQHA points per event (May 2 of the previous year through April 30 of the current year).
- The 2 youth earning the highest number of National points during the qualifying period will be offered slots on the Arkansas Quarter Horse Association Team.
- All eligible ArQHYA members will be considered for the Congress NYATT teams. Alternates, if needed, will be selected by the Youth Committee on the same point system. The committee reserves the right to fill all classes with any ARQHYA member and any eligible AQHA horse if a class is not filled in the regular manner.
- All potential NYATT team members must have a MANDATORY LETTER OF INTENT on file on or before April 30 of the current show year with the Youth Advisor.

CONGRESS NYATT TEAM RULES

- To receive the benefits of participating on the NYATT team, all youth must have participated in required fundraisers. See Website for details. Arkansas QHYA will pay \$100 towards the youth's stall at the Congress if all fundraising requirements are met. You must show in the NYATT to receive the stall credit.
- NYATT team uniforms and any Congress activities (pictures or team activities) will be chosen by the Youth Committee.

**ARKANSAS QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION**

Arkansas Quarter Horse Association provides one annual \$1000 scholarship. At the discretion of the scholarship committee and the availability of funds, more than one scholarship may be awarded in any one year. Application must be made during the senior year of high school. Applicants must have been a member of the Arkansas QHA Youth Association for more than one year. Preference will be given to Arkansas residents, although non residents may apply if they meet the scholarship criteria. Actual awarding of the scholarship will be done upon receipt of a transcript showing completion of two semesters of college as a full time student. Applications are due by April horse show of the current year. Scholarship winner will be announced May 1.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parents' names: _____

High School attended: _____

Current GPA on a 4.0 scale: _____ ACT score: _____

Rank in Class: _____ Expected graduation date: _____

List any academic honors

List any school extracurricular activities, including offices held and honors: (attach separate sheet if necessary).

List your horse extracurricular activities including honors won and leadership positions, especially your involvement in ARQHA youth (attach separate sheet if necessary)

Please list your community involvement

Please write a paragraph about your college plans, educational goals and career goals for the future and how it might relate to the continuance and promotion of Arkansas Quarter Horse association.

In determining the winner, applicants will be judged on the following criteria:

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| Length or tenure and contribution to ARQHYA | 40% |
| Personality and attitude | 25% |
| Leadership abilities | 15% |
| Academic goals | 10% |
| Activities and grades | 10% |

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