

MONTANA **Q**UARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

World Show Team Qualifications

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Section 1: All members of the MQHYA and AQHYA, in good standing, and who reside within the state of Montana, are eligible to qualify for the American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship Show. The show is held annually in the month of August, in Oklahoma City, OK. Team Members may State Qualify or Nationally Qualify.

Section 2: State qualifying points are earned at approved MQHA shows and are tabulated on a one horse/one youth basis. (Refer to the MQHA handbook to see how Montana Points are tabulated.) Youth may qualify two horses in individual working events i.e., reining, trail, working hunter, boxing, etc. **National** Qualifying Points are AQHA points earned on a national basis (See AQHA website for National point qualifications). Only points earned in Youth events count towards Youth World Show Qualifications. Novice Youth points **Do Not Count**.

Section 3: Qualification Period is May 1st of the previous year through April 30th of the current year.

Section 4: MQHYA WORLD SHOW TEAM QUALIFYING CRITERIA

Check-off List:

- 1)** Be a current member in good standing with AQHYA & MQHYA.
- 2)** Purchase a MQHA back number from MQHA.
- 3)** The horse that the youth is planning to show must be registered in the youth's name or the youth's family's name by **May 31st** of the qualifying year.

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__4) Members must in the calendar year, attend three (3) meetings of the MQHYA. Meetings can be either face- to- face or phone meetings. **All meetings will be posted on the MQHYA Facebook page at least one (1) week prior to the meeting date.**

__5) Members must perform a minimum of (five) 5 hours of volunteer service. Any volunteer activities outside of MQHYA must be verified in writing & sent to the youth director.

__6) Members shall organize &/or participate in at least two (2) MQHYA Fund Raisers. Fund raisers can be completed individually, regionally with other members or state-wide involving all members. All fund raisers must be run through MQHYA & monies directed to MQHYA.

If a member chooses **NOT to fulfill** this requirement they can pay a **penalty fee of \$300** to still be eligible for the MQHYA World Show Team.

__7) You must fill out & send a **Letter of Declaration** along with a **non-refundable \$50 fee** to join the MQHYA World Show Team to the MQHYA Youth Advisors by **April 1st** (Letter of Declaration forms can be found on the MQHA website).

Section 5: The AQHYA gives each state four (4) slots per class for State Qualifiers. Up to **six (6) slots per class are allowed if a team has less than 136 total class entries.** These slots **do not** include National Qualifiers. The **top two (slots 1 &2)** will be filled by the **top two (2)** Qualified 18 and Under **MQHA Points**, point earners in each class. Should either of these two qualifiers choose not to go to the AQHYA World Show the slots will be offered to the next highest MQHA Points, point earners. The next **two (slots 3 & 4)** will go in descending order, to

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the **top two (2) MQHYA members** who earned the most **AQHA Points**, per class, and may be considered for Hardship Applications as well. Should either of these two qualifiers choose not to go to the AQHYA World Show the slots will be offered to the next highest AQHA Points, point earners. In the event of a tie the following rules will be used to break the tie:

1. Most Wins...if still tied:
2. Most Seconds...if still tied:
3. Most AQHA points in class

If available, **slots 5 & 6** will be determined by the MQHYA Advisory Board, using all reasonable criteria (i.e. AQHA points, MQHA points & hardship application).

There will be **(2) alternates per class**. If you would like to be considered to be an alternate, you need to apply by filling out a MQHYA Hardship Application & sending it to the MQHYA Youth Advisors stating the reasons you should be considered & the classes you want to be considered for. All reasonable criteria, as stated above, will be considered in the selection process by the MQHYA Advisory Board.

Section 6: After the qualifying period is over the AQHYA will send the youth advisor(s) the AQHYA qualifying points and the Youth advisor(s) will count the Montana qualifying points for qualified youth. The Advisor(s) will then contact the AQHA and invitations and entries will be sent out to all National and State qualifiers. When invitations are received, all entry's, fees and forms must be filled out, completed and mailed to the designated youth advisor **at least seven (7) days BEFORE the date due on the entry form. No exceptions!**

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National qualifiers will be notified directly by the AQHYA and their entries, fees, and forms must be filled out, completed and mailed to designated youth advisor **at least seven days BEFORE the date due on the entry form. No exceptions.**

Section 7: If a MQHYA member wants to be considered for the World Show Team and was unable to complete all the qualifications, then the member must do the following:

- File a MQHYA Hardship Application to the Montana Quarter Horse Youth Advisory Board, by April 1st and submit a show record for both the horse and rider team.
- Once that letter is received, the MQHYA Advisory Board will review the request. The Youth Advisory Board will vote on allowing the youth to hardship onto the MQHYA World Show Team.
- The Youth will be notified of the decision after June 1st.
- Approved youth must then meet all other MQHYA World Show Team qualifying procedures and pay all required fees and sponsorships.
- Once selected the youth must follow all team rules.
- Youth team members are responsible for paying all fees including stalls, entries, drug fees, cattle charges & course fees.
- Tack stalls will be paid for by the MQHYA.

Section 8: In the event that a qualified horse dies or is injured the member must submit to the youth advisor(s) a vet certificate as well as a signed affidavit stating that the horse has died or is currently injured and unable to compete and the reason. The Youth may then substitute a different horse to compete on at the AQHYA World Show in the

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classes, which they are qualified, providing they meet all AQHYA ownership guidelines. This must be done before official entries are due. If a horse dies after entry fees are paid the AQHYA will refund the entry fees with a vet certificate only.

Section 9: The Youth Advisory board will be made up of the Youth Advisor(s), the MQHYA President, the MQHYA 1st Vice President, and in the event of a tie or conflict of interest the 2nd Vice President.

Team Rules for the MQHYA World Show Team

It is a privilege and honor to qualify and be chosen for the MQHYA World show team. As a team you will be working towards a group goal, not an individual seeking personal acclaim. This should be remembered in all areas of participation. As a team you will respect and support each team member.

- a) Once the team is chosen members will be required to meet at least **once** before the world show for team photos, to make plans for stall decorations and the parade of teams.
- b) At the team meeting youth will decide if they want to pursue additional fundraisers to help offset world show expenses.
 - 1) Each team member must conduct themselves at all times in a becoming manner.
 - 2) All team members are responsible for keeping aisles, tack, feed and horse stalls clean at all times, as well as caring for your own animal by making sure it has appropriate feed and water.
 - 3) Monies collected from the Letter of Declaration fees will be applied to expenses incurred at the World show.

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- 4) The remaining cost of extras such as fans, decorations and supplies will be split between the team.