

**Wisconsin Foundation
Quarter Horse Association**

"An Affiliate of the Foundation Quarter Horse Registry"



2020

**By-Laws and Point
System**

WISCONSIN FOUNDATION QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

Established January 12, 1998

ARTICLE I

Name

This association shall be called the "**Wisconsin Foundation Quarter Horse Association**" (WIFQHA)

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the WIFQHA is to provide a NOT-FOR-PROFIT organization for the promotion of the Foundation Quarter Horse and encourage the registration of the Foundation Quarter Horse in any nationally recognized Foundation Quarter Horse Association. In order for a horse to be considered for registration, 75% of his pedigree must trace back to the original 27,000 horses registered with the American Quarter Horse Association. No Thoroughbred may be closer than the fourth generation of the horse that is being registered. The intent, in addition to the above, is to provide an environment and atmosphere for families and youth to learn and grow through positive and appropriate leadership.

ARTICLE III

Place of Business

Business may be carried on in any part of the state of Wisconsin that is convenient to Members and Officials, with the primary location of business to be that of the home of record of the association Secretary.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Section 1 - Membership shall be open to any persons of any age interested in the purpose of this organization who is a member in good standing of the Wisconsin Foundation Quarter Horse Association and who is not currently under suspension of any official equine organization.

Section 2 - (Note By-Law Amendment as of January 2016) Membership will be of four types, that is youth membership without parent, single membership, family membership, and lifetime membership. Memberships expire on December 31st of each year. A family membership is defined as all members of a family residing in a household as well as the children of a non-custodial parent of that household under the age of nineteen (18). Children over the age of eighteen (18) attending an accredited institution of higher education (university or technical college) will be considered part of the family until age 23 as long as they are a registered student. Proof of such student eligibility (student ID Card) may be required.

(Amended 2018)

Section 3 - All members 16 years of age and over are eligible to vote. However, any family or partnership has a maximum of two votes.

Section 4 - Membership in Wisconsin association is not transferable.

Section 5 - Honorary Memberships (no vote) may be approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 6 - A member or honorary member may be suspended or expelled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 7 - A membership list with addresses and telephone numbers will be maintained and not be made available to mass marketing advertising agencies (our mailing list is not for sale - will not be sold) unless approved by the membership holder. The association directory constitutes a privately held database and will contain the names of the membership unless a request is made by the member to be excluded from the directory.

ARTICLE V

Point System

The Point system of the Wisconsin Foundation Quarter Horse Association will follow the placing and point system as outlined in the Wisconsin Foundation Quarter Horse Association rulebook.

(Amended 4-23-07)

ARTICLE VI

Activities

Any and all activities of the association must be brought before the Board of Directors for approval prior to scheduling.

ARTICLE VII

Officers

Section 1 - Elected offices shall consist of President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. Any other officers shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board.

Section 2 - The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) members including President, Immediate Past President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two elected board members. Four (4) members of the Board must be present to constitute a quorum to conduct business.

Section 3 - All Officers shall be elected to a 2-year term during the annual fourth quarter meeting with the Vice President, Secretary, and one board position to be elected for the "odd years" and the President, Treasurer and one board position to be elected for the "even" years. Elections of said officers to occur bi-annually thereafter. Newly elected officers will take office effective January 1st following their election office. This association shall operate on the fiscal year of January 1st through December 31st.

(Amended 1/11/09)

Section 4 - Nominees for officer positions must have been a member in good standing for a period of one year prior to the date he/she will take office if elected.

Section 5 - Officers and Board Members must be current paid up members in good standing of WIFQHA.

(Amended 4/17/07)

Section 6 - Officers and Board Members must be 18 years of age or older.

ARTICLE VIII Duties of Officers

The affairs of the association are to be managed by its elected Officers and Board of Directors.

PRESIDENT- The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and shall perform such duties as ordinarily to this office.

VICE-PRESIDENT- The Vice-President shall assist the President in the discharge of his duties and shall officiate in the absence of the President.

SECRETARY- The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings. It shall be the duties of the Secretary to call roll and log officers, directors, and members at all meetings. These duties shall also include the keeping of all files concerning WIFQHA.

TREASURER- The Treasurer will collect and disburse the funds of this association. This office shall be responsible for the money and shall give written financial reports at each meeting. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate and legible bookkeeping system. The Treasurer is authorized to disburse funds upon the direction of the Board of Directors.

In the event that the Treasurer is, unable to exercise this responsibility the President will be authorized to do so. An annual audit shall be held within the first quarter of each calendar year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS- The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly and any other time deemed necessary. The Board of Directors shall have power and authority to make, amend, enforce and repeal such rules and regulations of the WIFQHA. This Board shall regulate the auditing of accounts, books or records. They shall set up runings of all WIFQHA activities and functions. If a board member misses three consecutive meetings the board may consider removal of that member from the board. An elected member of the Board may be removed upon majority vote by the Board for cause or resignation.

(Amended 01/15/2011)

ARTICLE IX Chairpersons

Chairpersons will be appointed as necessary and work in cooperation with the organization officers to facilitate the purpose of their committee.

ARTICLE X Meetings

Section 1 - WIFQHA will meet for the annual membership meeting during the fourth quarter of each year at a place designated by the membership.

Section 2 - Board meetings will be held quarterly, more if needed. Any person may request to attend a Board meeting or be invited.

Section 3 - Minutes of all meetings shall be kept on file and are not official until approved at the next meeting.

Section 4 - The President or acting President shall conduct and maintain order at all General and Special meetings as follows:

A - Call to order and roll call

B-Reading of minutes

C-Reports

D - Unfinished Business

E- New Business

F-Adjournment

ARTICLE XI

Audits

There shall be an annual audit to the financial status of this association made during the first quarter of each year by at least two members appointed by the Board and assisted by the Treasurer.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

Amendments to these By-Laws may be submitted by anyone in the General Membership. Amendments will be acted and voted upon by the Board, then approved by the Membership at the following membership meeting.

(Amended 12/3/05)

ARTICLE XIII

Dissolution

At dissolution of the Wisconsin Foundation Quarter Horse Association, all bills are to be paid with remaining funds and sales of equipment. The board will then donate any funds remaining with 50% going to a youth group and 50% going to a group(s) involved in promoting horses and/or equine research. *(Amended 2018)*

Placings & Point Systems

Qualifications/or Wisconsin Foundation Quarter Horse Association Points

Point System 1:

Every contestant will receive at least one point for participating in a class without disqualification. With six or fewer contestants, a judge will be required to place all horses. With seven to 15 horses, the judge will place six horses. With over sixteen horses, the judge will place 10 horses.

The following point system is used to determine how many points will be awarded by placing. The number of horses in the class will determine the amount of points earned by the placed horses, all other horses in the class will receive one point. For example: In a class of 30 horses, the first place horse will receive 30 points, second place will receive 29 and so on until the 10th place horse receives 21 points. The remaining twenty horses will receive one point each.

Point System 2:

No. of horses Class placings

in class	1st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
1-2	0					
3-5	1	0				
6-8	2	1	0			
9-11	3	2	1	0		
12-14	4	3	2	1	0	
15-17	5	4	3	2	1	0
18 or more	6	5	4	3	2	1

- Grand champion shall receive 2 points more than the largest class in that division.
- Reserve champion shall receive 1 point more than the largest class in that division.

High Point awards

You must be a WIFQHA member and participate in three out of the four shows to be eligible for yearend awards.

Every point a horse earns in any division, except for any specialty classes, will go towards the traveling Mary Ann McDonald year end award.

Every point a horse earns during a show, except for any specialty classes, will go toward the High Point Award in it's division.

Each point a horse earns, except for any specialty classes, will be applied to that horse's record in it's division (Open, Amateur, Youth).

In 2016, All-Breed classes will be eligible for yearend high point awards. To qualify, you must be a current WIFQHA member and compete in three out of the four shows. A grand and reserve high point title will be offered for the following: All-Breed, All-Breed Youth 18 & Under and All-Breed Youth 5-8 Walk/Trot. All-Breed points will go towards All-Breed point totals only and will not go towards tallying of WIFQHA yearend awards.

**WIFQHA All-Breed
Year End Versatility
Award Open-Youth
(New for 2016)**

All horse and rider combinations must be nominated before they are shown in any qualifying class. Must compete in 3 out of 4 shows. An **All-Breed** class per division must be declared per horse/rider combination at the time of sign-up. FQHR classes do not qualify for points.

One horse and rider combination. However, if an exhibitor shows more than one horse in versatility, they can designate another exhibitor to show one of the horses in conformation class. (See below for divisions)

Conformation- Show Class - Cow horse- Ranch Horse - Speed Event

Conformation will be a separate class for each division. All horses, regardless of sex, in each division will show as one class.

All Breed Versatility Conformation

Cow Horse

LTD Working Cow horse, Cutting, Herd Work

Show Class

Ranch Reining, Ranch Pleasure

Ranch Class

Ranch Cutting, Handy Ranch Horse

Speed Event

Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Down and Back, Keyhole

Points for Versatility _____

Horse Numbers	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
2	2	1								
3	3	2	1							
4	4	3	2	1						
5	5	4	3	2	1					
6	6	5	4	3	2	1				
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
9	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
10	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Important Additional Information!

***Exhibitor Divisions, Class Lists & Descriptions are to follow the guidelines of the Foundation Quarter Horse Registry Rulebook. With the exception of All-Breed Ranch Pleasure Patterned class, All-Breed Reining, All-Breed Boxing and All-Breed Team Sorting, these classes will have separate patterns and/or class descriptions.**

Patterns and rules to be posted at the shows.

***To exhibit in Foundation Quarter Horse Registry (FQHR) classes, you must be a member with the Foundation Quarter Horse Registry and your horse must be registered with the Registry as well.**

***The 2020 Showbill will host FQHR Point Qualifying classes. Placings for FQHR National Points will be submitted using the point system noted within the FQHR Rulebook.**

For further information about the Foundation Quarter Horse Registry, please feel free to contact the Registry at (269) 649-1106

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Visit the website at www.fqhr.net

