

2024 YWS State Qualifying System Congress NYATT & YES Delegate Selection

The state qualifying period for the 2024 AQHYA Youth World Show will be June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024.

Membership

All youth must be members in good standing of AQHYA and KQHA before any circuits/judges will count. Members who held a 2023 membership must have their 2024 membership paid by February 1, 2024, for any 2023 judges to count, otherwise those judges will be forfeited. Team selection is limited to KQHYA members who are legal Kansas residents in accordance with KQHYA Policy #5, sections 2 and 3, or who have completed a Change of Affiliation application according to AQHA rules.

Letter of Intent

Any youth interested in showing at the Youth World Show using the state qualifying system must submit to the youth advisor a Letter of Intent, which is available for download at KQHYA.com. All classes a member may wish to be considered for must be listed on the Letter of Intent and be filed with the youth advisor. For judges to count for shows held between June 1, 2023 and January 31, 2024 Letters of Intent AND memberships must be on file by February 1 of the year participating. For shows held after February 1, 2024, membership must be paid at the show or before and the Letter of Intent received within 10-days of the show (ex: if the youth paid their membership at the Prairie Classic, the Letter of Intent must be received within 10-days of the conclusion of the show). Letters of Intent may be mailed to the current youth advisor or emailed to kqhyadvisor@gmail.com.

YWS Team Selection Process

KQHYA is allotted up to 504 entries at the Youth World show. Members in good standing will receive a state invite to compete in their selected classes upon completion of the following requirements:

- Show at 3 circuits (a circuit is a series of shows held in a specific time), and to a minimum of 6 judges (weekday and weekend judges will count). For members who are new in 2024 consideration will be based on the date of membership paid.
- Secure a minimum of \$150 in sponsorship due by June 1st. *Additional sponsorships are welcome and encouraged.*
- Provide a quality item for the Silent Auction OR pay buyout option of \$100 by June 1st.

For classes not held with six (6) judges and/or qualifying shows such as jumping and timed events: A Letter of Intent must be on file by June 1, 2024, and all other requirements met as well as proof of participation in an association such as High School/Junior High School/Youth Rodeo, NBHA, AQHA, NRHA, NCHA, NVRHA, NRCHA, IEA, USEF, etc. Examples of proof might include an association standings list, or an entry blank/tab sheet signed by a show official held by May 31, 2024.

YWS Qualifying Shows

Only shows which are approved for year-end points by KQHA will count towards YWS & NYATT qualifying. This list is subject to change due to show cancellations, additions, class scheduling, show location changes or changes made by AQHA:

Way Out West Special Event – July 7 – 9, 2023 (Lyons)

Kansas State Fair Event – September 10, 2023 (Hutchinson)

KQHA Hope in the Heartland – September 28 – October 1, 2023 (Topeka)

Western Kansas Horse Show Management Salt City Circuit – Oct. 12 – 15, 2023 (Hutchinson)

KQHA Prairie Classic– February 7 – 11, 2024 (Oklahoma City, OK)

Western Kansas Horse Show Management Cowboy Classic– February 24 – 25, 2024 (Hutchinson)

Western Kansas Horse Show Management Cottonwood Classic– April 11 – 14, 2024 (Hutchinson)

Palomino Horse Exhibitors of Kansas – April 27 – 28, 2024 (Lyons)

KQHA Celebrating Kansas – May 3 – 5, 2024 (Hutchinson)

Nationally qualified youth who are not members of KQHYA but reside in Kansas as of June 1, 2024, must purchase a KQHA membership, provide a \$150 sponsorship and the silent auction item or the \$100 buyout. All youth participating in the AQHYA World Show must be members in good standing of KQHA and stalled with their state affiliate. Both state and national qualifying entries are made by the exhibitor but approved by the state advisor.

The KQHYA Advisor & the Youth Activities Committee reserve the right to extend Youth World invitations to the classes with open spots, even if some requirements have not been met. Consideration for these exceptions is on a case-by-case basis and will only be considered AFTER all spots, in each class, are allocated by Kansas youth who have fulfilled all KQHYA Youth World qualifying requirements. This selection policy is subject to change due to any changes to the YWS qualifying requirements made by AQHA.

Members are responsible for all expenses associated with attending the YWS including entry fees, stalls and tack stalls (split with another exhibitor when possible). KQHYA will provide a team t-shirt, hospitality stall, feed stalls to be shared by exhibitors and other amenities.

NYATT Team Selection

Youth who wish to represent Kansas at the Congress NYATT must meet the requirements outlined above. A member may only show in two NYATT classes. NYATT classes are Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, English Equitation, Hunter Under Saddle, Reining & Barrel Racing and are all age classes. The Kansas Congress team shall be selected from the points earned at the same circuit shows as the AQHYA YWS team is selected. Should more than two youth be eligible, the two oldest would qualify. Then the youth with the most 1st place placements in that class will fill the position. If there is still a tie, then the oldest youth will fill the position.

NYATT qualifying points for each class will be awarded as follows: Points will be awarded based

on one (1) point for each horse defeated plus one (1) point for oneself with a maximum of fifty (50) points for first place in a class. Example: 20 horses in class: 1st=20 points, 2nd=19 points, 3rd=18pts, 4th=17pts, 5th=16pts, 6th = 15pts, 7th = 14 pts, 8th = 13 pts, 9th = 12 pts

KQHya will pay the base entry fee for each class and provide a team jacket, members are responsible for all other expenses including stalling, NSBA fees, transportation, etc.

The KQHya Advisor & the Youth Activities Committee reserve the right to extend Youth World Show and NYATT invitations to youth, even if the circuit and judge requirements have not been met. Consideration for these exceptions is on a case-by-case basis. Any youth granted an exception must meet the membership, fundraising and sponsorship requirements before Youth World Show or NYATT entries are approved. Any situation not covered in the KQHya Policies will be administered according to the current years' official handbook of the American Quarter Horse Association. Qualifying requirements are subject to change per any changes made to qualifying requirements by AQHA or by KQHA.

KQHya Youth Excellence Seminar Delegate Requirements

Each year KQHya members attend the annual AQHya Youth Excellence Seminar. During this event Region 8 directors are selected as well as the AQHya National Officer Team. Four (4) voting delegate positions are available for KQHya. These four positions are first filled by current officers OR any KQHya member running for a Region 8 director position or national officer position. If a position remains open, a youth who has held an officer or director position in KQHya will be given priority followed by a youth who has attended YES previously. If a position remains, then a current KQHya member in good standing will fill the position. All delegates must be members of KQHya in good standing prior to registration. In the event a youth residing in Kansas who has a Change of Affiliation to another state on file wishes to run for Region 8 director, they must make petition to the KQHya Advisor and Youth Activities Committee. Delegates and other KQHya attendees are expected to always represent KQHA/KQHya as respectful leaders. All attendees are responsible for a minimum of \$50 in sponsorships*, their own registration fees, and meals not provided during the event. KQHya will provide transportation and lodging during the event.

KQHya Youth World Show Judging Team

KQHya will provide support to individuals who wish to compete at the Youth World Show Judging contest by providing workout sessions, paying the entry fee as an individual or member of a team of 3-4 judges and a team t-shirt. Youth wishing to participate as an individual or team member through KQHya must meet membership requirements, participate in workout sessions, and provide a minimum of \$50 in sponsorships* by June 1, 2024. Youth are responsible for their own travel arrangements for the contest.

*A youth will pay no more than \$150 in sponsorships to participate in KQHya contests and activities.