

WYOMING QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION  
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The purpose of the Wyoming Quarter Horse Youth Association (WQHYA) is to improve and promote the American Quarter Horse and improve leadership, community, interest, higher moral character, and sportsmanship among all members. Not only will members receive up-to-date information about the when and where of membership meetings, Wyoming shows and Wyoming approved shows, but they will also be eligible for yearend awards and to attend the American Quarter Horse Youth Association Youth World.

#### Membership

Anyone from anywhere may join the WQHYA, however, to compete in shows and have your points count toward WQHYA year end awards, you must show a horse registered in the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) in the permanent, tentative, NQHEA, Appendix, or New Appendix Registries. The horse must be solely owned by the youth showing the horse or his/her immediate family in accordance with the rules dictated by AQHA. Youth membership does not entitle the member to WQHA points or awards. In order for your points to count towards WQHA, you must be a member of the adult association.

#### Directors

The WQHYA will be served by four directors, each holding one two year term. Any vacancies as a result of the two-year term ending or leaving the association because of age will be filled by election at the general meeting. The past president will serve on the Board of Directors for one year following his/her term as a non-voting member. From these Directors the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary-Reporter (one office) will be filled. The Board has the right to unseat an inactive Director after he/she has missed two meetings without a valid excuse, and the board has the right to appoint a new director to serve the remainder of their term. A quorum of 50% of the Directors must be present at any meeting in order for the business transacted to be held valid.

#### Advisory Board

There will be at least one adult advisor for the WQHYA. The advisor will be voted on by the WQHYA membership attending the Annual convention. The advisor will be a member of the WQHA.

#### Dues

Annual membership dues to the WQHYA will be \$40.00 and, will be paid each year. In the event the youth's family wishes to pay the family membership to WQHA the youth will still be a member in good standing of the WQHYA. In order to be a member in good standing, and eligible for voting privileges and points at show, you must have paid your dues prior to show or meeting you wish to participate in.

## Meetings

1. There will be a minimum of one annual meeting a year to be held in conjunction with the WQHA annual convention. Board meetings may be held throughout the year providing there is determined a need by the youth officers and advisor.
2. The membership shall be notified via official publication of the meeting and agenda thirty days before any general membership meeting.
3. All meetings of the WQHYA will be run according to Robert Rules of Order.
4. If you wish to vote during a WQHYA meeting you must be a paid member.

## YEAR-END AWARDS

Only points from WQHA approved shows will count toward year end awards. Owner and exhibitor must be current WQHYA members. To qualify for a year end award, a member and the horse must show at a minimum of three (3) WQHA approved shows in Wyoming and accrue a minimum of ten (10) points in the class. The horse does not need to show in a particular class three times in Wyoming to win the year end award as long as the other provisions listed above are met. Total points for awards will be figured on the top twelve (12) WQHA approved shows. Points for year-end awards will be tabulated through September 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Age groups of 13 and Under and 14 through 18 will be tabulated separately.

1. In case of combined and all-age classes, points will be reflected by the placings in the combined class. 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive points as stated on the point chart below on down the placings. Individual class points will be separated in age-group placings, they will however be awarded to the correct age group for year-end awards.

a. i.e. A 13 and under member receives 5 points in a combined Youth Hunter Under Saddle class, points will be rewarded in their entirety to the 13 and Under age group for Hunter Under Saddle.

b. Similarly, a 14-18 youth competes in the same class, the 14-18 youth places behind the 13 and Under youth and receives 4 points. Those 4 points will be tabulated in the 14-18 age group in Hunter Under Saddle.

There will be awards of equal value to the High Point Novice, 13 and Under, and the 14-18

## All Around Youths.

The High Point Novice Award will be given to the novice rider/horse team which has earned the most WQHA novice youth points. The novice rider/horse team must have shown in a minimum of three (3) WQHA approved shows in Wyoming. A minimum of ten (10) WQHA novice youth points in each of two (2) separate AQHA novice youth classes is required. Points in all novice youth performance classes will count, provided the requirement of ten (10) WQHA novice youth points in each of two (2) separate WQHA novice youth classes has been met. The novice youth member must have a current year AQHA novice youth membership card. The All Around Youth will be awarded to the youth horse and rider team which has the most points. In case of a tie, the rider/horse team with the most performance points will win the award. The rider/horse team must have shown in at least three (3) WQHA approved shows in Wyoming. A

minimum of ten (10) WQHA youth halter points and ten (10) WQHA youth performance points in each of two (2) separate AQHA performance categories is required. The rider/horse team must show in each class a minimum of three (3) times for points to be counted.

### Points

Points will start when dues are paid. The point system shall be the same for the WQHYA as for the WQHA. WQHYA points can be earned at all shows that are Wyoming approved.

**POINT SYSTEM:** The point system is based on the awarding of 1 point for each horse participating and defeated in a class according to the judge's placings. In the event that only one horse is shown that horse shall receive one point. See chart below for examples.

#### NUMBER OF HORSES IN THE CLASS:

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The grand champion of each sex division will receive at least one more WQHA point than any other horse in its sex division. The reserve champion of each sex division will receive as many points as any horse in its sex division except the grand champion.

### Out-of-State Youth

Out-of-state youth may join the WQHYA but only youth members living in states that border the State of Wyoming are eligible to be on the Youth World Team. This membership entitles the youth to compete for year-end awards. They will have voting rights and will be able to hold an office.

### Qualifying for the Novice Championship Shows

#### Qualifying System

A) The qualifying dates for the Novice Championship Shows will be May 1-June 30 of the current year.

B) In order to be eligible for qualification through the Wyoming Quarter Horse Association the amateur or youth must be a current WQHA member. The three individuals with the most WQHA points in any novice class will have their names submitted to AQHA as being qualified to participate in any novice class offered at the championship show.

### Youth World Team

## Qualifying System

A) The qualifying dates for the WQHYA World Show Team will be May 1-June 30 of the current year.

B) In order to be eligible to participate in the Youth World show team the youth must be a current WQHYA member. The four individuals with the most WQHA points in a specific class will have first choice in representing the WQHYA at the World Show in that class. If there are not four individuals qualified in a specific class or any of the four top point winning individuals do not wish to attend the World show, other current WQHYA members will then be eligible to attend.

C) Youth who wish to participate at the World Show in events that are not offered at Wyoming approved shows must still be current WQHYA members and declare their intent to participate by May 1.

D) The Wyoming Quarter Horse Association (WQHA) Board Members in collaboration with the WQHYA board/officers will have the final say as to those representing the WQHYA World Team.

E) All youth wanting to participate at the Youth World must do the following:

i) All exhibitors intending to qualify in an event or events must declare such intent in writing no later than May 1 of the current year. A declaration form must be completed and returned specifying each class that the exhibitor and horse combination intent to qualify in along with a check made payable to the Wyoming Quarter Horse Association in the amount of \$10.00 for each class declared. (A declaration form is attached.) ii) Once qualified, each team member will be responsible for obtaining \$100 in sponsorship money. Sponsorship money is due July 25<sup>th</sup> of the current year. The sponsorship money will be used for items such as beverages and stall decorations throughout the show. (A sponsorship form is attached.) iii) The youth must help with World Show fundraising activities to receive funds from the committee.

F) Participants may represent the state at the Youth World Show in as many classes as they are qualified in.

G) To represent WQHYA at the World Show:

i) Participant must be a resident of Wyoming and attending school in Wyoming. Those participants attending college would be eligible if most previous schooling was in Wyoming.

ii) Out-of-state youth who are current WQHYA members may be eligible to represent the WQHYA at the World Show provided they reside within a state that borders the State of Wyoming and the individual qualifies for hardship as defined by the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) and is approved by the WQHYA youth advisor in collaboration with the WQHA board and WQHYA board/officers. It will be the individual's responsibility to complete and secure the necessary signatures on the Hardship Change of Affiliation Form. This form must be approved by AQHA by April 1 of the current year. Form can be found at [www.aqha.com/forms.index.html](http://www.aqha.com/forms.index.html).

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