

**OKLAHOMA QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION**  
**STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**RULES & CONDITIONS**  
**Approved January 27, 2017**

**GENERAL RULES**

1. Youth eligible for awards must be residents of the State of Oklahoma and must be, or become, members of the OQHYA.
2. No nominations or nomination fees are required for OQHYA members to accumulate points for State Championship awards.
3. Points will be tabulated on a one Youth/one horse basis in all youth events, including All-Around Champions.
4. Only points earned in shows approved by the AQHA and OQHYA will count for the State Championship Awards.
5. Beginning January 1, 2000 all shows must pay \$1.00 per entry in order to receive OQHYA approval and count toward State Championship Awards. Only OQHYA approved shows will count for State Championship Awards.
6. The OQHYA State Championship point counting period starts the first Monday of October and runs through the first Monday of October of the following year.
7. **Membership:** OQHYA membership is due January of each year. If the membership is paid between January 1 and March 31, state points will be tabulated for the entire point counting period. If the membership is paid after March 31 for the current year, state points will be tabulated beginning with the day the membership is paid to the OQHA office.

**POINT COUNTING RULES**

1. The awards will be based on the youth's ten (10) best shows. AQHA Youth classes must have been held at least five (5) shows to be eligible for an award. Youth must attend two (2) meetings, participate in two (2) fundraisers and show in five (5) shows to receive an award.
2. The OQHYA point counting system will be used for tabulating points for the State Championship Awards. Youth placing in the top nine (9) will be given a point for each Youth placing below them, plus one point, not to exceed nine (9) points for first place. Points are calculated through ninth place. **FOR EXAMPLE:** In a class of nine or more entries, the first place Youth receives nine points; second place receives eight points, and so on down through ninth place. In a class of four entries, the first place receives four points, second place, three points, etc.
3. Tie scores will be broken with the addition of the points for an 11th show, a 12th show etc., where possible. In cases where the youth are tied with less than ten (10) shows, the one that has placed in the greatest number of shows will be declared the winner. If there is still a tie, the one Youth/one horse that placed highest in these shows will be declared the winner.

**AWARDS**

1. An award for First and Second Place in all of the AQHA Youth 13 & Under and Youth14-18 classes, providing the Youth class is held in at least five (5) shows, **Exception of Cutting and Working Cow Horse/Boxing.** A youth must have entered and shown in at least five (5) of these shows for the points to count.

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2. An award for First and Second Place in the Level 1 (Novice) Youth Division will be presented; with the same 5 show rules applying.
3. An OQHYA All-Around Champion and Reserve Champion Award will be presented in the Youth 13 & Under and Youth 14-18 age groups. All points earned in the ten (10) best shows on a one Youth/one horse will count. To be eligible for an All-Around award, the one Youth/one horse must have been shown in three or more categories. The mare and gelding halter class points will count toward the All-Around Awards.
4. An All-Around Level 1 (Novice) Champion and Level 1 (Novice) Reserve Champion Award will be presented. All points earned in the ten (10) best shows on a one Youth/one horse basis will count.

**SPECIAL AWARDS**

1. The Monte Reger Sportsmanship Award will be voted on and presented at the OQHA Annual Convention.
2. The Parent of the Year Award will be voted on and presented at the OQHA Annual Convention.

**MISCELLANEOUS RULES**

1. The awards described above are the ONLY OFFICIAL AWARDS RECOGNIZED BY THE OQHYA. No other awards will be presented by an individual or organization.
2. **There are two separate sets of youth awards—one has nothing to do with the other. The two categories are: “State Championship Awards” and “Special Awards”**
3. The OQHYA cannot accept responsibility for errors on entry blanks. A horse must be entered under its official recorded name and number as they appear on the AQHA registration papers.
4. Any falsified information will cause forfeiture of all points and no further points will be counted for such member. The member will be entitled to a hearing by the OQHYA Youth Advisory Committee and/or the OQHYA Board of Directors.
5. Any owner may petition for correction of errors on reports of any show results by filing a written request within ten (10) days after standings are posted on the OQHA website, and by providing evidence of such error.
6. Any owner may petition for corrections of errors in the results by filing a written request and by providing evidence of such error, with the OQHA office, not later than ten (10) days after the OQHA Convention and Awards Banquet.