

## OQHYA State Championship Rules

Effective 2023 Show Year

### 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. All shows must pay \$1.00 per entry in order to receive OQHYA approval. 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 the following year.
7. OQHYA membership is due January of each year. If the membership is paid by March 31<sup>st</sup>, state points will be tabulated for the entire point counting period. If the membership is paid after March 31<sup>st</sup> for the current year, state points will be counted beginning the day the membership is paid to the OQHA office.
8. AQHA Youth classes must have been held at a minimum of five (5) OQHYA approved shows to be an award category.
9. To be eligible to receive an award, a youth must have attended two (2) meetings, participated in two (2) fundraisers, and shown in each award category a minimum of five (5) times.

### Point Counting Rules:

1. The awards will be based on all shows in each award category.
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. Example: in a class of nine or more entries, the first place youth receives nine points; second place receives eight points, etc. In a class of four entries, first place receives four points.
3. Tie scores will be broken with the addition of the points for an 11<sup>th</sup> show, a 12<sup>th</sup> show, etc where possible. In cases where the youth are tied with less than ten (10) shows, the youth 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.
4. Youth Division points will only apply to one division. Example: Youth Level 1 points cannot count toward Level 3 awards.

#### Awards:

1. An OQHYA All-Around Youth Champion and Reserve Youth Champion will be presented. 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 AQHA recognized categories. The mare and gelding halter class points will count toward the All-Around Awards. All-Around Awards will be given the following divisions:
  - a. 13 and under
  - b. 14-18 Level 2
  - c. 14-18 Level 3
  - d. Level 1
  - e. Level 1 Walk-Trot
2. Individual class Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in the following divisions, provided that class has been held five (5) times and youth have shown a minimum of five (5) times.
  - a. 13 and under
  - b. 14-18 Level 2
  - c. 14-18 Level 3
  - d. Level 1
  - e. Level 1 Walk-Trot

#### 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 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 not 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 OKQHA 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.