

## OQHYA World Team Qualifying Rules for the AQHYA World Championship Show

The purpose of the youth selection is threefold:

1. To encourage more youth participation in Quarter Horse shows approved by the AQHA and the OQHA
2. To encourage national qualification as a result of increased participation.
3. To give more experience to Oklahoma youth members in preparation for higher level competition.

Team Selection:

1. All team members must be members of the OQHYA and AQHYA.
2. OQHYA annual membership is due January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. If membership is paid prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>, state points will be tabulated from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> (the state qualifying system occurs over 2 partial calendar years coinciding with the AQHYA national qualifying year). If the membership is paid after March 31<sup>st</sup>, state points will be tabulated from the date the membership is paid to the OQHA office.
3. Annual membership reminders for Oklahoma membership are sent to every current OQHYA member in the fall. OQHYA does not send reminders about AQHYA membership and does not accept membership fees for AQHYA.

Classes:

1. Points for state qualifying will be counted from approved shows held in Oklahoma with OQHA approval from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. (example qualifying for the 2019 youth world starts May 1, 2018 and ends April 30, 2019 and memberships for both years must be paid for all points to count).
2. Points earned at all OQHYA approved shows will be counted during this time frame. Point records are to be tabulated by a committee-appointed person and points will be kept on file at the OQHA office. Complete tabulations will be available approximately one month after the last approved show. Team members will be notified upon completion of tabulations.
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 shows, the youth that has placed in the greatest number of shows will be declared winner.
4. Unfilled class slots will be filled using the Oklahoma Lottery System. See Lottery Rules.

Youth Judging Team:

1. Youth desiring to compete for the OQHYA Judging Team(s) at the AQHYA World Show, or any contest are required to be current members of both AQHYA and OQHYA.
2. Judging teams will be selected from a series of workouts held prior to the entry date of the AQHYA World Show.

3. If there is no OQHYA designated judging team, a team from the Oklahoma State 4H Judging Contest will be given the option to compete provided all team members meet membership requirements.

#### Other Contests:

1. Oklahoma youth will be encouraged to participate in the speech contest, art contest, photo contest, etc. at the AQHYA World Show. Contact the Youth Advisor for more information.
2. If AQHYA limits the number of entries into a contest, entries will be on a first come first serve basis

#### Responsibilities of the OQHYA Team Members:

1. All team members will conduct themselves with respect for themselves, others and their animals. A Code of Conduct form is required by AQHYA for entry to the youth world and team members can be held accountable for violation of this Code of Conduct.
2. Team members should help with decorating of the stalls, either construction of the decorations or set up or both, tearing down of stall decorations, and cleanliness of the stall area.
3. Those youth wanting to participate on the youth team should attend membership meetings.
4. Youth should participate in fundraising efforts.

#### Change of Affiliation:

1. Formerly known as Hardship, the Change of Affiliation allows for a non-resident to compete on the Oklahoma team. This also allows for an Oklahoma youth to COA into another state.
2. COA applications should be completed with payment of annual membership dues.
3. COA applications must be reviewed and approved by the Parent Advisory Committee.
4. Non-resident COA Applicants are not eligible for year end awards.
5. Members of the youth executive committee and board of directors may not COA to another state.