

# **OKLAHOMA YOUTH TEAM RULES FOR THE AQHYA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

## **The Purpose of the Youth Selection is threefold:**

1. It is designed to encourage more youth participation in Quarter Horse shows approved by the AQHA and the Oklahoma Quarter Horse Association.
2. Through stronger participation by the youth, we hope to have more Oklahoma youth qualify nationally.
3. Participation in Quarter Horse shows will give youth members more experience in showing their horses and thereby be more experienced to participate.

## **Team Selection:**

1. Membership: OQHYA membership is due January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. If the membership is paid between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>, state points will be tabulated from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> basis. If the membership is paid after March 31<sup>st</sup>, state points will be tabulated beginning with the day the membership is paid to OQHA office.
2. All youth wishing to compete for team positions must be current members of OQHYA and AQHYA by March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year to take advantage of the OQHYA Team benefits. Annual membership dues are \$10. OQHYA Dues should be sent to OQHYA, 5506 N. Rockwell Avenue, OK 73008. AQHYA Dues must be sent direct to AQHYA.

## **Performance Classes**

1. Points for the youth team in performance will be counted from approved shows that fall within the time from May 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. A youth's ten best shows will be counted during this time frame. Point records are to be tabulated by a committee-appointed person each year 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 one that has placed in the greatest number of shows will be declared Winner. If there is still a tie, the horse that placed highest in these shows will be declared the winner.
4. Four team members and two alternates in addition to National Qualifiers will be chosen from the point tabulations for each class offered.

## **Halter Classes**

1. Decision on any matter pertaining to the halter classes will be the responsibility of the OQHYA Youth Advisory Committee, whose decision is final.
2. AQHA classes at 6 specified AQHA shows in Oklahoma will be designated by the Youth Advisory Committee as the classes used for selecting team members in halter (not including Performance Halter).
3. Qualifying will be on a basis of a youth's best five (5) out of six (6) offered shows. If not enough youth compete at five (5) shows, then those competing at three (3) shows will be selected and so on.

4. Scoring will be done highest to lowest, with the first place in each division receiving ten (10) points and second place receiving nine (9) points, etc., through ten (10) places. In case of a tie, the fifth show will be the tie breaker show. If the fifth show is double judged then a tie-breaker judge must be selected before the start of the fifth show.
5. The six (6) youth in each halter division in mares and geldings with the highest scores of their five (5) best shows will represent the OQHYA Team in halter at the AQHYA World Show.
6. OQHYA halter classes selected as the qualifying shows will be published in the OQHA newsletter and on the OQHA website
7. Six (6) team members and two (2) alternates in addition to National Qualifiers will be chosen from the point tabulations for each class offered.

### **Youth Judging Teams**

1. Youth desiring to compete for the OQHYA Judging Team(s) at the AQHYA World Show, or any other contest are required to be current members of the OQHYA and AQHYA. They are required to adhere to the same team requirements as all members.
2. Judging teams will be selected from a series of workouts held prior to the entry dates of the AQHYA World Show.
3. Youth wishing to compete for Judging Team selection should contact the OQHA office in Bethany at (405) 440-0694 for information.