

MISSISSIPPI QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION - GENERAL

1. Ownership of the horse exhibited by a youth will be determined by AQHA records.
2. Points will be awarded on a 9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis with the number of points awarded the winner never exceeding the number of horses in the class.
3. No points will be awarded until the dues are received are paid.
4. Points will be awarded on a one-youth, one-horse basis. Should a youth change horses during the year, no points will be carried forward. **EXCEPTION:** In the event a horse dies, the youth may purchase a new horse, designate that horse to replace the one that died, and carry forward any points earned in showmanship, horsemanship, hunt seat equitation and equitation over fences classes only.
5. Any member owing money or merchandise to MQHYA or MQHA will be denied all privileges of the Association until these obligations are paid.
 6. MQHYA points will start from November 1 of the current year and will end October 31 of the following year.

MQHYA YEAR END AWARD RULES

1. With the exception of Novice classes and Small Fry, all year end awards will be divided into two (2) age groups. To be eligible for an award in any category, a youth must show to five judges on the same horse.
2. There will be awards given for each event, halter and performance. In the event of a tie the one participant placing in the most shows will break the tie; if this is a tie, the one with the most first place scores will break the tie.
3. A Youth All-Around Award shall be presented to the youth with the highest number of points in both halter and performance classes. A Reserve Youth All-Around Award shall be presented to the second highest placing youth.
4. The All-Around Youth, at the end of the show year, will receive an award equal to three times one championship award. The reserve All-Around Youth will receive exactly one-half the amount of the All-Around Youth.
5. The High Point Speed Event Award will go to the high placing horse in timed events. The high point speed event horse award will include all events that are timed. This youth will receive an award equivalent to the Reserve All-Around Youth award. A Reserve All-Around Speed Event Award will be awarded the second place timed event horse, and will be awarded exactly one-half the High-Point Speed Award.
6. A Novice All-Around Award will be presented to the youth with the highest number of Mississippi points in Novice youth classes only. This youth will receive an award equivalent to the Reserve All-Around Youth award. A Reserve Novice All-Around Award will be presented to the second highest placing youth in Novice youth classes. A Reserve All-Around Novice Award will be awarded the second place Novice All-Around horse, and will be awarded exactly one-half the High-Point Novice Award.
7. Out of state members are not eligible to win All-Around or Reserve All-Around Performance Awards, High Point or Reserve High Point Speed Awards, or High Point or Reserve High Point Novice Awards

NATIONAL YOUTH ACTIVITY TEAM TOURNAMENT (NYATT)

1. The National Youth Activity Team Tournament (NYATT) team shall be selected in the same manner as the Youth World Show qualifiers using MQHYA approved shows only.
2. In order for a youth to qualify for the NYATT team, he/she must be a current member of MQHYA as of the point qualifying deadline.
3. See Rule 12 for AQHYA World Championship Show
4. Two alternates shall be selected in each category using the same selection process as stated
5. Points earned at MQHYA approved shows between the dates of January 1 and July 1 shall be used to compute qualifiers.
6. Team members must participate in the Congress NYATT opening ceremonies and must exhibit in the NYATT class (or classes) in which he/she is entered in order to be eligible to receive any NYATT awards. A team member will forfeit any awards if he/she does not exhibit without a valid reason presented to the Youth Advisor before the competition begins.
7. In order to participate on the NYATT Team, youth members must participate in at least half the youth fund raising projects.
8. *Youth exhibitors intending or planning to participate as a state qualifier in either the AQHYA World Show or on the NYATT team must turn in a letter of intent on or before April 30th. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor or prospective exhibitor to be aware of this requirement. No exceptions or appeals will be accepted.*

AQHYA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

1. In order for a youth to qualify for the world championship show, he/she must be a member of the MQHYA and AQHYA and recorded as such with AQHYA prior to May 1
2. MQHYA and AQHA points will be counted from May 1 to April 30.
3. Two youth will be selected, first from the list of MQHYA points, and a then two youth will be selected from the list of AQHA points with the exception of Showmanship, Horsemanship and Western Pleasure (Refer to Rule #9). Horses that have no qualifying points (MQHYA or AQHA) may not be allowed to participate in any class, regardless, even if no entries exist.
4. An alternate horse(s) in each event shall only be considered the alternate for the event after the AQHYA World Show registration deadline. Alternates shall be selected from the list of MQHYA points.
5. AQHA points must be earned in youth classes, as open points do not count.
6. Should there be a tie in MQHYA points, AQHA points shall be used to break the tie; should there be a tie in AQHA points, MQHYA points shall be used to break the tie.
7. Should one youth be high point in both MQHYA and AQHA points, that youth will fill the list from MQHYA points. The youth with the second most AQHA points will then be the other youth to qualify.
8. A member of MQHYA who qualifies nationally according to AQHYA guidelines will be eligible in addition to the four state representatives.
9. Showmanship, Horsemanship and Western Pleasure will qualify on AQHA points. The youth with the most in-state AQHA points will be selected first. The youth with the most AQHA points (total in-state and out-of-state) will be selected second. In case of a tie, the one with the most state points (MQHYA) under the 9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 method will be selected. Mississippi points will count only in the case of a tie and for alternate selection.
10. A committee of three consisting of the MQHA president, youth advisor, and youth committee chairman will oversee the youth projects and functions. Each youth who plans to be a part of the youth team must participate in all youth sponsored projects designated toward the World Show Team.
11. Parents of youth who qualify must sign an agreement to reimburse the MQHYA all fees paid for the youth if he fails to participate without a valid reason. Valid reasons to be ruled upon by above committee. There will be no with-drawls for classes entered once the youth has arrived at the AQHYA Finals without a legitimate reason to be determined by the Youth Advisor.
(Change for 2003)
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