

## **Rules of the Idaho Quarter Horse Youth Association**

### **Novice Youth Program**

All youth must be a current member of the AQHYA and IQHYA prior to the points being recorded by the designated point keeper. Youth can join at anytime but points only count after fees are paid. Novice exhibitors must possess a novice youth membership card and cannot have earned more than the AQHA defined points for Novice eligibility.

Once an individual has exceeded AQHYA novice youth points, in a skill set, he/she will no longer be eligible to participate in the novice skill set containing that class(es) in subsequent years but may continue to compete in that novice skill set until the end of the calendar year in which the aforementioned instances occurred. (See AQHA rule book) If an individual is considered a Novice on January 1st, he/she will be considered a novice for that calendar year.

It is strongly recommended that entry fees for Novice classes be kept to a minimum to encourage immediate as well as future growth in the Youth Division. (Recommend to Show Secretary that Novice will get discounted fee if they cross into the Open Youth class).

Novice points earned may not be used for any of the AQHA Youth Awards; for example: ROM, year end titles, Show All-Around, or AQHYA World Show Qualification. Year End Awards

### **Year-End Awards**

To qualify for year-end awards, you must be a paid member of the AQHYA and IQHYA prior to the points being recorded by the designated point keeper. Youth can join anytime but points only count after fees are paid. Mandatory attendance to at least three (3) IQHYA meetings. Meetings will be scheduled for some of the out of town shows to accommodate youth living in outlying areas. Must complete one mandatory fundraising project and one optional work project. Points will be calculated on the Idaho Quarter Horse Association points system. Points towards IQHYA year end class awards will be counted from all shows between November 1st and October 31st. Points will be awarded on a one-individual one-horse basis. A youth may earn more than one award per class by using more than one horse.

The results of shows and points will be published on the IQHA website and any other news source as determined by the Points Keeper. Class awards may be made to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each riding/showing class offered in five (5) or more Idaho approved shows. To qualify for an award in riding/showing, a horse must be shown a minimum of five (5) times in Idaho approved shows and earn a minimum of ten (10) points. Certificates will be awarded to 5th place in each

riding/ showing class if the participant meets minimum requirements.

All Around and Reserve All Around Awards will be calculated on all points earned for the year by the same horse and rider. These awards will be given in each age group, thirteen (13) and under, fourteen (14) through eighteen (18), and Novice Youth.

Project Participation: Participation in projects will be tracked using a point system (5 points for one (1) hour of participation and 1 point per dollar earned in fundraising. 250 work project points must be earned for year end awards; if planning to attend AQHYA World Show you must earn 300 points by June 15.

### **AQHYA World Show**

IQHYA may send two IQHYA teams in each horse bowl (4 person), horse judging (4 person) and team demonstration (2 person) events to compete at the AQHYA World Championship Show.

Mandatory attendance to at least three (3) IQHYA meetings. Some meetings to be scheduled during shows to accommodate youth living in outlying areas. Must participate in a designated World Show Team Fundraiser (in addition to the mandatory fundraiser).

Youth qualifying for the AQHYA World Show will be selected by having the highest amount of points based on the IQHA system from 75% of all IQHA and AQHA approved shows (or 75% of qualifying shows that offer the event) between May 1st and April 30th. IQHYA will send only those representatives nine years or older to compete in Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Showmanship, Halter, Trail, Ranch Pleasure, Western Riding, Cutting, Working Cow Horse, Reining, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Horse Bowl, Speech, Horse Judging, etc.

IQHYA will work with Idaho 4-H and FFA groups to send the best representatives from Idaho for participation at the AQHYA World Show in the Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Speech, and Team Demonstration competition.

Requirements for 4-H and FFA AQHYA World Show Participants: Idaho youth who would like to attend the AQHYA World Show as a IQHYA affiliate representative in Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Speech or Team Demonstration are required to be a paid IQHYA and AQHYA member and submit letter of intent that includes the team name, member name(s) and contest name no later than March 31st of the current year. Contestants will be announced within 30 days of submittal deadline. Approved youth are required to attend (1) one IQHYA meeting. Upon return of a event, the youth are required report on their trip to the IQHYA membership at either a IQHYA meeting or by email. All entry form information and fees are due to the IQHYA Youth

Advisor no later than June 15th. No late entries will be accepted. Teams/Contestants are responsible for all costs associated to travel and entry fees.

All youth representing Idaho at the World Show must participate in the Parade of Teams. Youth selected as delegates to the World Show should attend the AQHYA National meeting as our State representatives.

## **GENERAL**

Of the net profit earned each year, up to seventy-five (75%) percent may be spent on year end Awards, the balance may be used at the discretion of the Youth members.

If any IQHYA member is found guilty by AQHA Rule VIO200-206 – Inhumane Treatment. in the AQHA Rule Book at an IQHYA approved show the youth at the time of the infraction will become ineligible for all year end awards and will not be allowed to represent Idaho at the AQHYA World Show on affected horse, in the year in which the infraction occurred.

All work projects must be completed by September 5th of the current year. The exception to this would be AQHYA fundraisers/projects. This project must be completed by June 15th of the current year. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!