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KICK-OFF OF AQHA'S NEWEST INNOVA-
TION TO THE HORSE INDUSTRY.

The Ranching Heritage Challenge will showcase
ranch-raised American Quarter Horses in a one-run event.

In six minutes, you must:

- Run a prescribed reining pattern
- Hold and work a cow
- Rope the cow

To be eligible, horses must have been bred and raised by a
Ranching Heritage Breeder.

Where: Fort Worth Stock Show

When: January 13, 2012

Entry fee: \$285 (includes cattle and office charges)

Classes: Open and Amateur



To enter, call AQHA at (806) 376-4811 or
log onto www.aqha.com/ranchhorsechallenge.

500. HORSEBACK RIDING PROGRAM

(a) Individuals must complete an official application supplied by AQHA and maintain current AQHA or AQHYA membership. A one-time enrollment fee of \$35 must accompany the application. Membership may be obtained upon application providing the proper fee is enclosed.

(b) Failure to maintain continuous AQHA membership shall result in forfeiture of enrollment fee and hours accrued.

(c) After approval, each participant will receive the official AQHA Horseback Riding Program log sheet. All hours must be recorded on these official log sheets. **The hours recorded must be in 30 minute increments. No member can log more than six hours a day through AQHA's Web site. Riders attending AQHA-sanctioned events where double hours are awarded will need to mail official log sheets to AQHA for verification.** Deadline to turn in hourly log sheets is December 31 of the current year.

(d) All hours must be accrued either riding or driving in harness a registered American Quarter Horse for the Quarter Horse division. The name and registration number of each horse must be listed on a separate official log sheet. Any number of American Quarter Horses may be ridden to accumulate official hours. Awards are based on the number of hours ridden or driven by an individual.

(e) For the All Breeds division, all hours must be accrued either riding or driving in harness any breed of horse. The name and breed of each horse must be listed on a separate official log sheet. Any number of breeds may be ridden to accumulate official hours. Awards are based on the number of hours ridden or driven by an individual.

(f) There is no time limit for the completion of an award level; however, continuous membership must be maintained to receive awards and one log sheet must be submitted yearly.

Achievement levels - Quarter Horse Division

25 Hours	50 Hours	100 Hours
250 Hours	500 Hours	750 Hours
1,000 Hours	1,500 Hours	2,000 Hours
2,500 Hours	3,000 Hours	3,500 Hours
4,000 Hours	4,500 Hours	5,000 Hours

Achievement levels - All Breeds Division

25 Hours	50 Hours	100 Hours
250 Hours	500 Hours	750 Hours
1,000 Hours	1,500 Hours	2,000 Hours

(g) AQHA reserves the right to change the terms or conditions of these rules as well as the awards.

501. "ROOKIE OF THE YEAR" AWARD

(a) Amateur Division

(1) To be eligible for the award, the exhibitor cannot have won any AQHA points (in open, youth or amateur) prior to the year of the award.

(2) All eligible exhibitors must hold current year amateur status and must be a current member of AQHA according to rule 101 and 403 of the AQHA Official Handbook.

(3) The award is based on Amateur points accumulated on a one-horse/one-amateur basis, and the horse's ownership must meet the requirements of rule 403 in the AQHA Official Handbook.

(4) To be eligible to receive the award, the exhibitor's birthdate must be on file with the amateur department of AQHA by

December 15 of the year of the award. In the event of a tie, awards will be distributed as follows:

(A) To the person winning Amateur points in the greatest number of different events.

(B) To the person with the greatest number of Amateur wins.

(5) Amateur Age Divisions:

- 30 & under
- 31 - 49
- 50 and over

(b) Youth Division:

(1) To be eligible for the award, the exhibitor cannot have won any AQHA points (in open, youth or amateur) in any shows prior to the year of the award.

(2) The award is based on Youth points accumulated on a one-horse/one-youth basis, and the horse's ownership must meet youth ownership Rule 101 and 404 of the AQHA Official Handbook. The exhibitor's birthdate must be on file by December 15 of the year of the award. In the event of a tie, awards will be distributed as follows:

(A) To the person winning Youth points in the greatest number of different events.

(B) To the person with the greatest number of Youth wins.

(3) The youth must also be a member of AQHYA.

(4) Youth Age Divisions

- 11 and under
- 12 - 14
- 15 - 18

(c) Novice points earned previously or during the rookie year do not count against eligibility or towards tabulation for Rookie of the Year Awards.

(d) AQHA reserves the right to change the terms or conditions of these rules as well as the awards.

505. Rookie Level

(a) The purpose of the Rookie Level classes is to reach AQHA members of all ages and riding levels. By developing true entry-level classes, AQHA plans to introduce new AQHA members, current AQHA members, as well as members who have never shown, to the AQHA show scene.

(b) Rookie Level Classes will be offered in all three AQHA Divisions (Open, Amateur and Youth).

(c) For a horse to be eligible to compete in a Rookie Level class, that horse must have earned fewer than ten lifetime points in that class in any division. For an exhibitor to be eligible to compete in a Rookie Level class, that exhibitor must have earned fewer than ten lifetime points in that class in any division. Thus, to compete in a Rookie Level class, the horse and the rider must each have earned fewer than ten points in that particular class in any division.

Examples of Eligibility and Ineligibility:

(1) A horse has eight points in Senior Western Pleasure, but has never been shown by an Amateur or Youth. A friend of the owner of the horse would like her child to show the horse in a Rookie Youth Western Pleasure class. The youth exhibitor already has six points in Youth Western Pleasure on other horses. The horse/exhibitor combination is eligible because neither has more than ten western pleasure points.

(2) An amateur exhibitor has dozens of points in Hunter Under Saddle, but only six in Reining. Her trainer offers to let her show his reiner in the Rookie class. That horse, however, has five Sr. Reining points and seven points from when it was shown in Novice Youth Reining. The horse/exhibitor combination is not eligible because the horse has ten or more points in reining classes.

(d) Open, Amateur, Novice Amateur, Youth, Novice Youth and Rookie Level points all count toward Rookie Level eligibility.

(e) Upon earning ten points in a particular class in any division, the horse will immediately become ineligible to compete in that particular class at the Rookie Level in any division. The record owner of the horse shall receive a certificate of recognition (similar to ROM) and such accomplishment will be added to the horse's show record.

(f) Upon earning ten points in a particular class in any division, the exhibitor will immediately become ineligible to compete in that particular class at the Rookie Level in any division. The exhibitor shall receive a certificate of recognition and such accomplishment will be added to the exhibitor's show record.

(g) Notwithstanding the ownership requirements associated with competing in Youth and Amateur classes, ownership of the horse is not required to participate in Rookie Level classes.

(h) Multiple exhibitors (including the record owner) may show the same horse in any class at a show (assuming eligibility requirements for class are met), but not in the same Rookie Level class(es) at that particular show.

(i) Rookie Level classes may comprise an entire stand-alone show. Rookie Level classes also may be added to AQHA All-Novice, Introductory shows or regular AQHA shows.

(j) Youth and Amateur Rookie Level performance classes can be run as stand-alone classes or concurrently with corresponding Novice classes. Open Rookie Level performance classes can be run as stand-alone classes or concurrently with corresponding AQHA green classes. If an exhibitor is eligible to show in the Rookie class and the corresponding Novice/Green class they may enter both classes.

(k) Rookie Level halter classes must be all-aged classes and must be held as stand-alone classes. Rookie Level halter classes are not eligible for grand and reserve awards.

(l) Show management is strongly encouraged to offer minimal entry fees for Rookie Level classes.

(m) Rookie Level points do not count towards anything other than computing Rookie Level eligibility and the recognition referenced in subsections (f) and (g) above. Rookie Level points do not count towards the AQHA Rookie of the Year Award set forth in Rule 501.

600. CONSTITUTION OF AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I-NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: This organization shall be a division of the American Quarter Horse Association, shall operate within the scope of the bylaws, rules and regulations of AQHA, and shall be named the American Quarter Horse Youth Association.

Section 2: The objectives and purposes of the American Quarter

Horse Youth Association, hereafter referred to as AQHYA, shall be as follows:

(a) To improve and promote the American Quarter Horse breed.
(b) To improve and develop the capabilities of youth, both individually and through group participation, in the breeding, raising and exhibition of American Quarter Horses.

(c) To develop and improve scholarship, leadership and community interest and participation of young horsemen.

(d) To encourage high moral character, sportsmanship and clean living among all its members.

(e) To establish a means whereby youth members may work in conjunction with AQHA Youth Activities Committee.

(f) To create, foster and assist subsidiary youth affiliates composed of members of AQHYA.

(g) To acquaint youth members and affiliates with the parent organization, AQHA, its structure and functions.

Section 3: The AQHYA Motto "America's Horse, Today's Youth - Working Towards a Better Tomorrow"

ARTICLE II-MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Classes of Membership: This organization shall have the following classes of members:

(a) **Organizational Members**, consisting of youth affiliates. The designation youth affiliate shall be defined as one youth association per state/province or international affiliate, acceptable to and approved by AQHYA and its Advisory Board.

(b) **Individual Members**, consisting of boys and girls 18 years of age or under.

(c) Voting rights in the organization shall be vested exclusively in organizational members, each of which shall be entitled to designate four delegates for each youth affiliate.

(d) Annual individual membership fees will be \$15 or \$35 for a three-year membership with a lifetime youth membership fee of \$50 (membership through the 18 year age eligibility), which membership shall allow a youth all privileges of a regular member, and in addition, all privileges of a member of AQHA, the parent organization, except the right to vote at AQHA membership meetings and hold office in the parent organization. The monies of the organization shall be deposited in such manner, in such banks, or trust companies, and may be withdrawn in such manner as the Board of Delegates and Advisory Board may direct or designate.

Section 2: Approval of Youth Affiliates: A youth affiliate is eligible to be recognized and considered in good standing with AQHYA and the Advisory Board of the organization, when the following general conditions are met:

(a) The youth affiliate must be approved by or affiliated with the recognized state/provincial or international AQHA Affiliate.

(b) Each youth affiliate shall submit to AQHYA its constitution and bylaws, in addition to a complete list of Youth Affiliate officers, AQHYA Delegate(s), youth advisor(s) and AQHYA World Championship Show qualifying guidelines on or before April 1 of the membership year. Youth Affiliate officers and AQHYA Delegates must be members in good standing of AQHYA.

(c) Each organization shall encompass its respective state/province or country in scope, and affiliates with more than 1,500 registered American Quarter Horses would be required to have 50

resident youth members to affiliate. Affiliates with 500 to 1,500 registered American Quarter Horses would be required to have 35 resident youth members, and affiliates with less than 500 registered American Quarter Horses would be required to have 25 resident youth members to affiliate. An organization found to be representative of the state/province or country may be allowed to affiliate with less than the required number of members if they meet all other requirements such as: filing a copy of their constitution and bylaws, submitting a list of officers, delegates and advisors to AQHA by the deadline listed above, and submitting a list of members to AQHA by May 31 of the membership year, if they make a formal request for consideration to AQHA by May 31.

(d) Annually, an affiliate membership list must be sent to AQHYA on or before May 31 of the membership year. In accordance with subparagraph (b), AQHYA is to be notified of any amendments made to the initial affiliate constitution. New affiliates must send a complete constitution and bylaws.

(e) No provision of the youth affiliate constitution is in conflict with the AQHYA or AQHA constitution, bylaws or general rules and regulations.

(f) Activities are in harmony with the ideals and purposes of AQHYA and AQHA

(g) Membership must be open to all youth 18 years of age and under interested in American Quarter Horses.

Section 3: Approval of International Youth Associations: An international association, which is recognized by AQHA, is automatically eligible for its youth members to be members of AQHYA; compete in AQHYA activities or AQHA-approved youth events; and for its youth organization to have delegates with voting privileges on the Board of Delegates of AQHYA. To compete in AQHYA activities or AQHA-approved youth events, or serve as a delegate of AQHYA, an international member must also be a member of AQHYA by payment of the requisite membership fee and compliance of all rules and regulations. Recognition of an international youth affiliate may be obtained



by filing, with AQHA's Senior Manager of Youth Activities, an annual written letter of certification by the president of the AQHA-recognized parent international affiliate, certifying:

(a) that the international affiliate has a youth organization with an appointed or elected adult youth advisor or leader responsible for the activities of the youth organization and conduct of its members, either as a division of the international affiliate or separate organization;

(b) the number of youth members in good standing and if any intend to compete in AQHYA-approved events, their names, addresses and ages (if not already available through AQHA records), together with any other information requested; and, **(c)** the names of youth elected by the international youth affiliate to represent that organization as AQHYA delegates. Upon request, the president of the recognized parent international affiliate shall provide copies of the youth organization's bylaws, rules and regulations pertaining to its activities, and if a separate organization, governmental certification of its existence and good standing in the international country.

ARTICLE III-AQHYA OFFICERS, DELEGATES, DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: The business and property of the organization shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Delegates and an Executive Committee hereinafter created and empowered.

Section 2: Delegates: A youth affiliate shall exercise its voting privileges in the organization through its delegates, annually elected by the resident members in good standing of each youth affiliate.

(a) Vacancy: In the case of any vacancy in the Affiliate Board of Delegates, the President of the youth affiliate shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term of the affiliate's delegate.

(b) Meetings: The regular annual meeting or meetings of the Board of Delegates shall be held at such time and place as they may be fixed by the AQHYA Executive Committee for the purpose of electing officers of the organization and for the purpose of such other business as may be brought before the meeting. Special meetings of the Board of Delegates may be held at such time and place as may be designated in the notice, whenever called in writing by the direction of the President or by a majority of the Board of Delegates.

(c) Notice of Meetings: Written or printed notice of all meetings stating the place, date and hour of meeting, and in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes of which the meeting is being called, shall be delivered not less than 15 days before the date of the meeting, either in person or by mail, at the discretion of the president or secretary, or the officer or person calling the meeting, to each recognized youth affiliate entitled to vote at such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered, upon deposit in the United States mail addressed to recognized youth affiliates at their address as it appears on the records of the association, with postage thereon prepaid.

(d) Quorum: A majority of the number of delegates shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but if at any meeting of the board there may be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be present.

(e) Powers of the Board: The Board of Delegates shall have the power and authority to direct the affairs of the organization,

including, but not limited to, the right to make, amend and repeal the constitution of the organization, as they may deem expedient concerning the conduct, management and activities of the organization, the admission, classification, qualification, suspension and expulsion of members, removal of officers, expenditure of money and other details relating to the general purposes of the organization, subject to the approval of the Advisory Board.

Section 3: Regions of the Organization: The continental United States and Canadian provinces shall be divided into ten regions which shall be designated as shown by the map above. Youth affiliates of international countries will participate in an eleventh region.

Section 4: AQHYA Officers: The officers of the organization shall be the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and sentinel, who shall be elected from and by the Board of Directors previously selected by the various regions of the organization. Such officers shall hold office for a period of one year and until their successors are elected and qualified. An officer must remain eligible for AQHYA membership and a member in good standing for the duration of their term. (An officer can not turn 19 before January 1 during the term in which they are serving.) Youth may only accept a nomination for AQHYA Officer if they have been elected as an AQHYA Director at that AQHYA Convention. Additionally, the youth must have served as an AQHYA Director for at least one term. (For further details on the election process, consult the AQHYA Guide to Campaigning.)

(a) President: The president shall be the chief executive officer of the association and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the association, subject to the direction of the Board of Delegates, and shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of Delegates. The president shall appoint all committees of the association subject to the approval of the AQHA and AQHYA Executive Committees. The president shall submit to the members annually at their meeting a report of the status of the association and its activities during the preceding year. No delegate of AQHYA may be elected to serve more than one year as president. In order to be eligible to run for President of AQHYA, a member must have previously served at least one year as an AQHYA Director or Officer. The president shall have such other and further duties and authority as may be prescribed elsewhere in this constitution or from time to time by the Board of Delegates. The president will also serve as the Executive Committee regional representative of the region(s) from which he/she was elected. The president will serve on the Youth Activities Committee for two years; as president of AQHYA and as immediate past president.

(b) Vice President: The vice president shall, in the absence, disability or inability to act of the president, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the president, and shall perform such other duties as the president shall prescribe from time to time. The vice president will also serve as the Executive Committee regional representative of the region(s) from which he/she was elected.

(c) Secretary: The secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and of the Board of Delegates, and shall record or cause to be recorded all votes taken and the minutes of all proceedings in a minute book of AQHYA to be kept for that purpose. He or she shall perform like duties for the committees when requested to do so. The

secretary shall have the principal responsibility to give or cause to be given notice of all meetings of the Board of Delegates and the members, but this shall not lessen the authority of others to give such notice as provided in this constitution. The secretary shall maintain communication between the Executive Committee and the AQHA Senior Manager of Youth Activities. The secretary will also serve as the Executive Committee regional representative of the region(s) from which he/she was elected.

(d) Treasurer: The treasurer shall have the responsibility of examining the financial need of specific projects and needs of AQHYA, and reporting those costs to the Board of Delegates. He or she shall be made aware of the continuing status of membership growth and corresponding payment of dues. The treasurer will also serve as the Executive Committee regional representative of the region(s) from which he/she was elected.

(e) Sentinel: The sentinel shall have the responsibility of maintaining order at all meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Delegates in accordance with parliamentary procedure, in addition to preparing meeting rooms and facilities for the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Delegates. The sentinel may also be required to fill those duties that may from time to time be prescribed by the president. The sentinel will also be responsible for compiling an annual scrapbook for AQHYA. In addition, the sentinel will serve as the Executive Committee regional representative of the region(s) from which he/she was elected.

(f) AQHYA Director: Annually, three Directors shall be elected by the delegates of each designated region at a regular annual meeting of delegates. The duties of an AQHYA Director are to enhance communication and serve as liaison between AQHYA membership of the particular region and the AQHYA Executive Committee. The candidate for AQHYA Director of a particular region must be a delegate from their affiliate; actually reside within the region; be of a minimum age of 14 years; together with such other qualifications as the AQHYA Executive Committee may, from time to time, designate. The candidate must also remain eligible for AQHYA membership and a member in good standing for the duration of their term. (A youth director can not turn 19 before January 1 during the term in which they are serving.)

(g) Vacancies of Elective Offices: All vacancies in the elective offices of the organization shall be filled by the Executive Committee from the Board of Delegates for the unexpired term, and those so appointed shall serve until the election and acceptance of their duly qualified successors.

Section 5: AQHYA Executive Committee: The AQHYA Executive Committee of the organization shall consist of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and sentinel, elected by the Board of Delegates at its annual meeting. The delegates of each of the 11 regions of the organization shall annually elect 33 AQHYA Directors. Those directors who have previously served one term as an AQHYA Director shall be eligible for election as an AQHYA Officer Candidate. They may be eligible to become a member of the AQHYA Executive Committee when approved by the Advisory Board of the Organization. Such representative shall be certified in writing by the delegates who elected this regional representative.

(a) Meetings of the AQHYA Executive Committee: The AQHYA Executive Committee shall meet whenever and wherever called by direction of the president or three members of the committee acting jointly, of which meeting the secretary shall give 10 days written notice, but such notice may be waived by any member.

(b) Powers of the AQHYA Executive Committee: All powers of the Board of Delegates are hereby vested in the AQHYA Executive Committee.

(c) Quorum: The quorum of the AQHYA Executive Committee shall be three members.

(d) During the interim between annual meetings, or special meetings, of the Board of Delegates, the AQHYA Executive Committee is empowered to direct the affairs of the organization.

ARTICLE IV-ADVISORY BOARD

The Advisory Board of the organization shall consist of the AQHA President, the AQHA Executive Vice President, the Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee, the Director of Youth Activities, the Senior Manager of Youth Activities and any additional members appointed by the AQHA Executive Committee. This Advisory Board shall consist of at least four adults to assist the AQHA Youth Activities Committee in directing the activities of AQHYA. All actions of the organization and all nominees from the various regions of the organization for election to the AQHYA Executive Committee shall be subject to the Advisory Board's approval.

ARTICLE V-PLACE OF BUSINESS

Section 1: The place of business of this association shall be AQHA headquarters in Amarillo, Texas.

Section 2: All correspondence regarding AQHYA shall be directed to the Youth Activities Department of AQHA in Amarillo, Texas.

ARTICLE VI-AMENDMENTS

The Constitution of the organization may be amended at the annual meeting of the Board of Delegates by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, provided a quorum of the delegates is in attendance.

ARTICLE VII-TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Membership and election to office in AQHYA is a privilege, not a right, which may be terminated or refused for cause detrimental to the interest of AQHYA, of which it is a division, its programs, policies, objectives and harmonious relationship of its members. A member may be removed from the membership roll, an officer may be removed from office, a director may be removed from their position or an individual may be refused membership by the Advisory Board after prior written notice of the time and place of hearing, containing specification of charges, where the individual may attend, with counsel, to hear evidence against him, and present evidence on his behalf. The ruling or action of the Advisory Board may be appealed to the AQHA Executive Committee by written request filed with the Executive Vice President within 15 days of the ruling date, which appeal shall, however, not suspend the effect of the ruling.

METRIC SYSTEM

Unit	Abbreviation	Number of Meters	Approximate U.S. Equivalent
kilometer (1 mile equals 1.6094 kilometers)	km	1,000	0.62 mile
meter (1 yard equals 0.9144 meter)	m	1	39.37 inches
centimeter (1 inch equals 2.54 centimeters)	cm	0.01	0.39 inch
millimeter	mm	0.001	0.04 inch

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