

**Youth Activities Committee Agenda
San Francisco, California
2008**

Committee Guidelines

1. Develop and implement educational and competitive programs for young American Quarter Horse enthusiasts.
2. Evaluate existing programs in AQHA youth activities, as well as related activities in related organizations and recommend changes or enhancements.
3. Recommend changes or additions to current rules, regulations and guidelines of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association.
4. Promote responsible ownership and management of American Quarter Horses to young riders.
5. Attend a mid-year committee meeting held in conjunction with the AQHYA World Championship Show.
6. Recommend methods to improve membership recruitment and retention in AQHYA.
7. Actively support and promote Junior Master Horseman.

Agenda

1. Welcome by Chair
2. Review committee guidelines
3. Meeting protocol
4. Members review of and comments on agenda items
5. Year in review youth activities
6. Review 2008 Youth membership development plans
7. Review survey regarding AQHYA shows
8. Consider member recommendation on the use of qualifying rounds of approximately 20 per go, as a reasonable approach to addressing the “early draw” as a recognized limitation to those classes where original entries number greater than 100. **(Show primary, with Youth recommendation)**
9. Consider member recommendation to have quarter finals and semi-finals in individual classes such as Showmanship, Horsemanship and Hunt Seat Equitation **(Show primary, with Youth recommendation)**
10. Consider affiliate recommendation to allow leased horses at regional experiences **(Show primary, with Youth and Amateur recommendation)**
11. Review affiliate recommendation to allow exhibitors to show more than two horses per class (repeal the limit on numbers of horses that can be shown by one exhibitor in individual performance classes **(Show primary, with Youth, Amateur and Professional Horsemen recommendation)**)
12. Consider member recommendation to amend Rule 473B(c) *Horsemanship* by making it an individual working performance class **(Show primary, with Youth recommendation)**
13. Consider member recommendation to amend Rule 472(c) *Showmanship* by making it an individual performance class **(Show primary, with Youth recommendation)**
14. Consider member recommendation to amend Rule 474B(c) *Hunt Seat Equitation* by making it an individual working performance class **(Show primary, with Youth recommendation)**

15. Consider member recommendation to amend Rule 475 *Equitation over Fences* by making it an individual working performance class (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
16. Consider member recommendation to amend Rule 463(c) *Hunter Hack* by making it an individual working performance class (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
17. Review member recommendation to remove Limited Rider (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
18. Review member recommendation to develop a set scoring system for all pattern events with appropriate score sheets (**Show primary, with Youth and Amateur recommendation**)
19. Review member recommendation to add small fry classes as approved events (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
20. Review member recommendation to conduct any novice classes after their corresponding amateur or youth classes at AQHA approved shows (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
21. Review member recommendation to reduce show fees for novice, youth and amateur classes (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
22. Review member recommendation to approve age divisions in novice youth classes (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
23. Review member recommendation to allow novice halter classes at any AQHA approved show (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
24. Review member recommendation to allow only exhibitors that walk/jog/trot in all novice shows youth and amateur halter and showmanship classes (**Show primary, with Youth and Amateur recommendation**)
25. Review member recommendation to align the Youth World Equitation over Fences class with the standards of Pessoa/USEF hunt seat medal finals and US Hunter Jumper Association (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
26. Discuss staff recommendation to average the breakaway times like speed events (**Show primary, with Youth and Amateur recommendation**)
27. Review staff recommendation to not break ties at 20th for rail work in Horsemanship, Equitation and Hunter Hack (**Show primary, with Youth and Amateur recommendation**)

28. Review member recommendation to award plaques or belt buckles to the year-end high-point winners rather than certificates (**Show primary, with Youth and Amateur recommendation**)
29. Review member recommendation to combine Performance Halter and Halter classes (**Show primary, with Youth and Amateur recommendation**)
30. Review member recommendation to allow exhibitors to show in performance halter classes if they show in a performance class in the same show (**Show primary, with Youth and Amateur recommendation**)
31. Review member recommendation that the eligibility requirements for performance halter classes not include a Performance ROM (**Show primary, with Youth and Amateur recommendation**)
32. Review member recommendation for an English attire exception for performance halter classes (**Show primary, with Youth, Amateur and Professional Horsemen recommendation**)
33. Discuss allowing show management, if they choose, the ability to pick and choose some classes to be held each day and allow other classes to be held in a split combined format. (**Show Committee primary, with recommendation from Youth and Amateur Committee**)
34. Consider member recommendation to increase the number of Register of Merits required to qualify to participate in performance halter classes (**Show primary, with Youth, Amateur and Professional Horsemen recommendation**)
35. Review member recommendation that showmanship at halter not be included toward the points required to receive a Register of Merit to qualify for performance halter classes (**Show primary, with Youth and Amateur recommendation**)
36. Consider member recommendation to amend Rule 448(j)(3) to read "To be eligible to compete in the performance halter class, the horse showing must also show in a performance class at that show. No Register of Merit is necessary, just active participation in a performance class. If a horse shows in a performance halter class and neglects to show in a performance class at that show, it will have any points earned in that performance halter class removed. A \$100 fine will be imposed for the cost of any changes being made (**Show primary, with Youth, Amateur and Professional Horsemen recommendation**)
37. Consider member recommendation to form a standing committee to deal with all issues pertaining with the Novice division (**Youth and Amateur primary**)

38. Consider member request to examine the process of recognition for Novice members (**Youth and Amateur primary**)
39. Consider member recommendation to extend the use of leased horses in the youth classes and amateur division classes (**Youth and Amateur primary**)
40. Consider member recommendation that there be no ownership requirements on the horse in the novice classes only (**Youth and Amateur primary**)
41. Review member recommendations concerning the Novice division (**Youth and Amateur primary**)
42. Review recommendation to add the following to Rule 405(c) all Novice Youth and Novice Amateur that win an **European**, national or a reserve national championship title in an approved event, they will no longer be eligible as a novice in that Skill Set (**Youth and Amateur primary**)
43. Review member recommendation to adjust novice division (**Youth and Amateur primary, with Show recommendation**)
44. Review member recommendation to change novice eligibility rules (**Youth and Amateur primary, with Show recommendation**)
45. Review member recommendation that ownership is not required for novice exhibitors (**Amateur and Youth primary**)
46. Consider the rule for living in the state for Youth World Show to living in the region (**Youth primary**)
47. Consider member recommendation to move the Parade of States to the middle of the week so more kids can participate (**Youth primary**)
48. Consider member recommendation to rotate events so the cattle classes aren't always at the start of the show and halter and pleasure aren't always at the end of the show (**Youth primary**)
49. Consider adding to the World Show judging competition an affiliate division to the collegiate contest or changing it to open senior division (ages 19-23) to allow not only collegiate teams but also AQHA affiliate teams (**Youth primary**)
50. Consider member recommendation to establish a High Point Knowledge exhibitor of the year (similar to the riding awards given now) (**Youth primary**)
51. Consider member recommendation to add a skill-a-thon event at YWS (**Youth primary**)

52. Consider member recommendation to add a medallion level at the Youth World Show (**Youth primary**)
53. Consider member recommendation to give away an all expense paid trip to the YWS to a 4-H youth show who shows the best community service/leadership skills through their 4-H records; youth must be AQHA members in good standing (**Youth primary**)
54. Review member recommendation on wording and purpose of the age limits in regard to ages (youth between 9-18 and 18 and under) for clarity and consistency (**Youth primary**)
55. Consider staff recommendation to limit the number of scholarships awarded in AQHYA art and photo contest to one per participant per division (**Youth primary**)
56. Consider staff recommendation to review the purpose of Youth World Show hardship to make sure that it is meeting its intended purpose
57. Consideration of other business
58. Voting for Chair and Vice Chair
59. Adjourn