

Youth Activities 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. Recommend methods to improve membership recruitment and retention in AQHYA.
6. Actively support and promote Junior Master Horseman.

**Youth Activities Committee Agenda
San Antonio, Texas
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1. Welcome by Chair
2. Committee guidelines
3. Meeting protocol
4. Members review of and comments on agenda items

The following member recommendations will be discussed:

5. Not to allow exhibitors entered in a walk/trot class to enter a walk/trot/canter class. (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
6. To develop a 9 year old and under walk trot program. (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
7. To amend Rule 448(j)(3) Performance Halter to exclude showmanship at halter as a register of merit to qualify for performance halter. (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
8. To amend Rule 448(j)(3) to exclude showmanship at halter and Western horsemanship as a register of merit to qualify for performance halter. (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
9. To amend rule 448(j)(3) Performance Halter by allowing an exhibitor with a performance or racing register of merit be eligible to compete in all divisions. (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
10. To allow a horse with any performance register of merit be eligible to compete in all divisions of performance halter. (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)

- 11.To require a horse exhibiting in performance halter to also exhibit in a performance class in the same show. (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
- 12.To amend Rule 448(d)(1) Halter Equipment to allow lip chains for youth and amateur in any gender division. (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
- 13.To allow the novice division in team penning and ranch sorting. (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
- 14.To allow an exhibitor to show more than one horse in showmanship. (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
- 15.To allow youth, novice youth, amateur and novice amateur in individual working performance events to show up to **three** horses regardless of sex, except in youth and novice divisions where stallions are prohibited. (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
- 16.To hold youth pleasure driving classes. (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)

The following recommendations from the Show Long Range Planning task force meeting will be discussed:

- 17.AQHA mandating a cap on all associated Youth fees at horse shows. (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
- 18.To divide performance halter into junior and senior divisions. (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)
- 19.To redefine requirements for AQHA champion to be 15 points – must be earned in halter classes with at least two performance halter championships or halter grand championships. (**Show primary, with Youth recommendation**)

20. To amend rule 403(a)(1) by adding that a youth may begin showing in the amateur division on August 1 of the year that the individual turns 19 rather than waiting until January 1 of the following year. (**Amateur primary, with Youth recommendation**)
21. To increase the novice eligibility points in the more popular classes from 25 to 40. (**Youth primary**)
22. To automatically combine amateur, select and youth classes when there are not at least three (3) in the class. (**Youth primary**)
23. To allow leased horses to show in amateur and youth classes. (**Youth primary**)
24. To rotate classes at the Youth World Show. (**Youth primary**)
25. The following recommendations from the Youth World Show task force will be discussed: (**Youth primary**)
 - a. Hardship Rule of Affiliation
 - i. Task force member recommendation
 - b. Entries
 - c. Ownership Deadline
 - d. Stalls (1 tack stall to 4 stalls)
 - e. Parade of Teams
 - f. Awards
 - g. Judging Contest
 - h. Scrapbook Contest
 - i. Talent Show
 - j. Semi Finals
 - k. Fees

26.The following committee task forces recommendations will be discussed: (**Youth primary**)

I. Education

i. Youth Racing Challenge Experience

m. 4-H/Open Show

n. AQHYA Shows

o. Long Term Growth

p. Youth Communication and Activities

q. Show Long Range Planning recommendations

27.Discussion of Youth Racing Experience scholarships and funding

28.Evaluate benefits of youth contests

29.Voting for Chair and Vice Chair

30.Adjourn