

NMQHYA / AQHYA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW STATE TEAM QUALIFYING RULES 2017

All NMQHYA team members must comply with all qualifying rules/criteria within these qualifying time periods for the respective years. This applies to both in state NMQHYA members and out of state AQHYA members wishing to file letters of hardship to attend the AQHYA World Show as state qualifiers to the New Mexico Quarter Horse Youth World Team.

Qualifying Period

For the qualifying year 2017-2018, NMQHA designated qualifying shows/events held within the state of New Mexico between May 1, 2017 and April 30, 2018, which constitutes the qualifying year consistent with the AQHYA qualifying year period.

Membership/Residency Requirement

1. Any youth wishing to compete at the AQHYA World Championship Show as a NMQHYA state qualifier must meet all membership rules by being an AQHYA member in good standing and an NMQHYA member in good standing by April 1 of the qualifying year. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
2. NMQHYA World Show team members must meet the AQHYA residency requirements listed in each year's AQHYA World Show Competitor's Handbook.
3. Youth from another state wishing to file a hardship petition to become a member of NMQHYA's World Show Team must have their petition filed with NMQHA by March 1 of the qualifying year. They must submit an official AQHYA Hardship application to the AQHA office by April 1st of the qualifying year. Hardship applications will be reviewed by AQHA and NMQHA separately and NMQHA will

have final determination as to whether the youth applicant has met NMQHYA World Show Team requirements as a state qualifier and whether such an application will be accepted.

Participation Requirement

1. Youth wishing to represent NMQHYA on the AQHYA World Show Team must demonstrate active engagement in the activities of the NMQHYA affiliate. This active engagement is to be demonstrated through meeting the following requirements:

- a. Attendance at a minimum of 1 of scheduled NMQHYA membership meetings within the qualifying period.
- b. Participation in 50% of NMQHYA fundraising activities within the qualifying period.
- c. Participation in a minimum of 1 NMQHYA outreach activity within the qualifying period.
- d. All youth wishing to attend the AQHYA World Show as a member of the NMQHYA State Qualifying Team must meet these requirements.

Competition Requirement

NMQHA requires that a minimum of 2 World Show Team Qualifying shows will be counted towards state qualifying. The individual youth exhibitor must show at least one day at the Land of Enchantment Circuit in the class they are wishing to qualify in and one other NMQHA approved show during the qualifying period.

Points

1. Points from all NMQHA approved shows will count. Youth Points accumulated in Open Youth classes will be counted towards the current year's NMQHYA World Show state qualifying team. Level 1 (Novice) Youth points are not compiled towards the AQHYA World Championship Show Team.

2. World Show qualifying points will be kept on all NMQHYA

members with current memberships competing in Open Youth classes at the designated qualifying shows by the official NMQHA Point Keeper who has been appointed by the NMQHA Board of Directors.

3. Points in all classes/events will be kept on the youth/horse combination. Points for the qualifying shows will be compiled according to the NMQHA point system. This system allots points to the top horse/exhibitor in each event up to nine (9) placings (i.e., in a class of 22, 1st place would receive 9 points whereas in a class of 3, 1st place would receive 3 points). The high point exhibitor/horse in each class/event based on the two qualifying classes will be awarded position #1 in that class/event for the team. The exhibitor/horse with the second highest points in each class/event based on the two qualifying shows will be awarded position #2 in that class/event for the team. The exhibitor/horse with the third highest points in each class/event based on the two qualifying shows will be awarded position #3 in that class/event for the team. The exhibitor/horse with the fourth highest points in each class/event based on the two qualifying shows will be awarded position #4 in that class/event for the team.

4. Note that in the event there are more than 4 qualified youth exhibitors in a particular class/event and a lack of qualified youth exhibitors in another class/event – AQHA allows a “transfer of qualifier positions” to the stronger class/event up to a maximum of 6 state qualifiers. (Example: Western Horsemanship could have 6 state qualifiers by borrowing from a lack of qualifiers in Youth Cutting). AQHA limits the total size of the state qualifying team to 140 state youth qualifiers.

5. First and second alternates will also be named in each event where there are qualified point earners. Alternates are eligible to compete at the AQHYA World Show in the event that one of the top 4 class qualifiers is unable to compete.

6. Ties will be broken in an event by awarding the position to the exhibiter:

a. Who won the greatest number of first places in point earning classes at the two qualifying shows. If still tied then:

b. Who beat the most horses in point earning classes at the two qualifying shows. If still tied then:

c. Who won the most second places in point earning classes at the two qualifying shows.

Substitutions

1. A youth wishing to designate a different horse in a class/event from the horse they have compiled qualifying points on must submit a letter of petition supporting the horse substitution to the NMQHA Youth Advisor to be forwarded to the NMQHA Board of Directors for review by May 31st. An email will not be accepted as a legitimate letter of petition. All letters of petition must be signed by the petitioning youth and not be a parent, guardian or trainer "representing" that youth.

National Qualifiers

1. AQHYA National Qualifiers are considered to be members of the NMQHYA team but will not be assigned to any of the four (4) qualifying positions for each class/event. National Qualifiers must be an NMQHYA member in good standing by May 31st of the current year. In order to receive NMQHYA World Show Team "perks". Nationally Qualified Youth will be required to obtain a \$75 sponsorship for NMQHYA World Show Expenses. A Nationally Qualified youth wishing to petition into a state qualifying position in classes/events other than their National Qualified classes/events must have fulfilled all state affiliate membership and participation criteria as required of any other state qualifier.

Petition Letters

1. Youth wishing to compete in classes/events not offered at NMQHA approved shows may submit a letter of petition for consideration as a state team member in said classes/events. Petition letters for such classes/events may be submitted to the NMQHYA Youth Advisor to be forwarded to the NMQHA Board of Directors from May 1st through May 31st of the qualifying year. An email will not be accepted as a legitimate letter of petition. All letters of petition must be signed by the petitioning youth and not be a parent, guardian or trainer “representing” that youth. The NMQHA Board of Directors will review and consider all petition letters and render a decision for each requested positions based on the following criteria:
 - a. First, AQHA points acquired at any AQHA approved show/event during the qualifying period for the petitioned class/event
 - b. In the absence of AQHA points, performance records from other sanctioned competitions in the petitioned class/event.
 - c. Youth must be a member in good standing for the qualifying year.
 - d. Youth must meet the participation requirements.
2. Letters of petition will be considered for team positions in classes/events in which there are less than 4 NMQHA point earning qualifiers. Petition letters for such classes/events may be submitted to the NMQHYA Youth Advisor to be forwarded to the NMQHA Board of Directors from May 1st through May 31st of the qualifying year. An email will not be accepted as a legitimate letter of petition. All letters of petition must be signed by the petitioning youth and not be a parent, guardian or trainer “representing” that youth. All other criteria/requirements must be met in order for the petition letter to be considered.
3. The NMQHA Board of Directors will review and consider all petition letters and render a decision by June 10th of the qualifying year.

Selection, Notification and Team Conduct

1. Final team determination for the AQHYA World Championship Show will be made on or before June 10th of the qualifying year and all team members will be notified by the NMQHYA Youth Advisor. Team members will have 5 days in which to accept or refuse their positions. If refused, the NMQHA Youth Advisor will offer the position to the next highest point earning youth in a class/event OR open that event to petition if there are unfilled openings.

2. Team members will be responsible for submitting all required forms/fees to the NMQHYA Youth Advisor by June 20th of the qualifying year. AQHA must have all entries submitted by the State Youth Advisor in the AQHA office on July 1st of the qualifying year. All entries, both state and national qualifications must be sent in one team packet by the state youth advisor. Checks for entry fees should be written the NMQHYA, NMQHYA is required to send one check for all entry and stall fees to AQHA with the state team packet.

3. All team members will be required to sign and abide by the NMQHYA Code of Conduct. Failure to comply with the NMQHYA Code of Conduct while in attendance at the AQHYA World Championship Show will result in that youth being brought before the NMQHA Board of Directors for disciplinary action and/or possible expulsion as an NMQHYA member through official action of the NMQHA Board of Directors.