

NMQHYA Code of Conduct

The participants, parents or legal guardians of minor participants, trainers, and officials of NMQHYA shall be required to follow the Code of Conduct set forth as follows:

I hereby pledge to be responsible for my horse, my words and actions while attending, coaching or participating in a NMQHA, NMQHYA or AQHA event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:

1. I, nor my horse, will engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any trainer, parent, participant, official or any other attendee.
2. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any trainer, parent, participant, official or any other attendee.
3. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any horse, parent, trainer, participant, official or any other attendee.
4. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any **horse**, parent, trainer, participant, official or any other attendee.
5. I will not use drugs or alcohol while at a youth event and will not attend, train, officiate or participate in a youth event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
6. I will not permit my child or encourage any other person, to use drugs or alcohol while at a youth event and will not attend, train, officiate or participate in a youth event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. I will not engage in the use of profanity.
8. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in the use of profanity.
9. I will treat any trainer, parent, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
10. I will encourage my child to treat any trainer, parent, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national, origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
11. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any horse, trainer, parent, participant, official, or any other attendee.
12. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any horse, trainer, parent, participant, official, or any other attendee.
13. I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any trainer, parent, participant, official, or any other attendee.
14. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to initiate a fight or scuffle with any trainer, parent, participant, official, or any other attendee.
15. I will be responsible for the behavior of myself, my horse and others attending the NMQHA, NMQHYA or AQHA event.
16. I will treat my partners with humane care and respect.

If I break this agreement, the following disciplinary actions will be taken:

- I will be sent home immediately at my own expense.
- I will be suspended from attending any NMQHYA event or any NMQHA sponsored AQHA event for one calendar year from the time of infraction.
- I will not be allowed at any time during the suspension year to represent NMQHYA in any leadership position on the state or national level.
- I will not be allowed to represent NMQHYA at any state, regional, or national event during the suspension year.
- Second offenders will be ineligible to participate in any state, regional, or national event or hold a leadership position or obtain any awards for the remainder of their NMQHYA career.
- I understand that the consumption, possession or use of alcohol or harmful non-prescribed drugs by a minor is against the law; I know that I may be reported to the proper authorities.

Participant Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
Trainer Signature (if applicable)	Date