

NMQHYA - AQHYA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

STATE TEAM QUALIFYING

Handbook 2023-2024

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.

Section I. Qualifying Period

A. For the qualifying year 2023-2024, NMQHA has designated qualifying shows/events held within the state of New Mexico between May 1, 2023 and April 30, 2024, which constitutes the qualifying period, consistent with the current AQHYA qualifying year period.

Section II. Membership/Residency Requirement

A. NMQHYA State Team Qualifiers. Any youth wishing to compete at the AQHYA World Championship Show as a NMQHYA state qualifier must meet all membership rules by being the following:

1. A member of AQHA in good standing as of July 1st of the show year, per AQHA membership rules.
2. A NMQHYA member in good standing on or before May 15th, membership fee may accompany the team application. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

B. AQHYA World Show National Qualifiers. Any youth that is nationally qualified must meet the following membership rules:

1. A member of AQHA in good standing as of July 1st of the show year, per AQHA.
2. No NMQHYA membership required.

C. NMQHYA World Show team members must meet the AQHYA residency requirements listed in each year's AQHYA World Show Competitor's Handbook.

Section III. Change of Affiliation Petition

A. Youth from another state wishing to file a change of affiliation letter to become a member of NMQHYA's State World Show Team must complete the following:

1. Submit Official AQHYA Change of Affiliation to AQHA office by April 1st of the qualifying period.
2. Change of Affiliation 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 a petition will be accepted.
3. A dated and clearly defined change in affiliation letter filed with NMQHA youth advisor by March 1st of the qualifying period. The petition letter can be sent by email as an attached file. An email or text alone is not sufficient as an original petition.

Section IV. Team Participation

- A. All 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: (June 30, 2024)
1. Attendance at a minimum of 1 scheduled NMQHYA membership meeting.
 2. Participation in at least one of NMQHYA fundraising activities.
 3. Participation in a minimum of 4 hours volunteer work at a NMQHA approved show LOEC, Border Circuit, Fun Shows

Section V. NMQHYA State Team Application

- A. *Must show at 1 NMQHA approved show per class per horse which you are qualifying.***
- B. *Must fill out the form provided and have the show secretary sign off on the form.***
- C. *NMQHA Approved Shows***

- NMQHA Land of Enchantment Circuit (3judges)
- New Mexico State Fair (2 judge)
- SWQHA Border Circuit (3 judges)
- SWQHA March Horse Show (2 judges)

E. NMQHA sanctioned partners

- New Mexico Hunter Jumper Association (Arabian club jumping classes)
- New Mexico High School Rodeo Association
- New Mexico Cutting Horse Association

Section VI: Petition Letters

A. Youth wishing to petition for positions on the NMQHHA state team must complete the application of petition. Petition application for such classes/events must be submitted to the NMQHHA Youth Advisor to be forwarded to the NMQHHA Board of Directors by May 15 following the end of the qualifying period.

B. Petition forms must be accompanied by a check for \$1000 for the petition to be considered and youth must become a NMQHHA member.

1. Each additional class with same horse will only be \$25 per class

C. The NMQHHA Board of Directors will review and consider all petition applications and render a decision of each requested positions based on the following criteria:

1. Good standing with AQHA and/or sanctioned Club

D. The NMQHHA Board of Directors will review and consider all petition letters and render a decision by June 1st.

E. The petition fee for a person attending their first World Show with NMQHHA will be waived

Section VII: Fees

A. A \$100 team fee will be assessed to all exhibitors who attend the AQHYA World Show on the NMQHHA Youth Team, whether Nationally Qualified or State Qualified in addition to any AQHA/AQHYA fees.

Section VIII. Horse Substitutions

A. A youth wishing to designate a different horse in a class/event from the horse they have compiled qualifying events on must submit a letter of petition supporting the horse substitution to the NMQHHA Youth Advisor to be forwarded to the NMQHHA Board of Directors for review by May 31st of the show year.

Section IX. National Qualifiers

A. AQHYA National Qualifiers are considered members of the NMQHHA. 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. They will follow the same guidelines as the petition criteria for the new classes/events.

Section X. Selection, Notification and Team Conduct

A. Final team determination for the AQHYA World Championship Show will be made on or before June 15th of the qualifying year and the NMQHYA Youth Advisor will notify all team members. 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.

B. Entry process will follow AQHA's instructions for that year's world show.

C. 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.

12/30/2023