

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 as stated under Article 8, Section 11 which states: **“Any member of the Association who is unruly or disorderly at any meeting or sponsored function shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors and the Youth Committee. In all such cases, the Board and the Youth Committee shall have the power, after due hearing, to suspend or revoke the membership of the offending person or persons.”**

1. I will not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct with my horse, 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 while at any NMQHA/AQHA event or activity.
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 my behavior including my language, my temper and my actions. Responsibility is taking ownership of the consequences of my behavior.
16. I will treat my animal partners with humane care and respect.

I understand that if I break this agreement, the following disciplinary actions will be taken:

- If accused of unacceptable conduct, my membership can/will be immediately suspended pending a hearing by the Board. Without an active membership, I may not represent the NM team in any further competitions and I will be responsible for all of my and my horse(s) expenses incurred before and after the incident.
- If reported to NMQHA Board and loss of membership is directed, membership privilege loss will last for the remainder of the calendar year and through to one year post suspension. All privileges of membership are revoked, including titles, participation or representation in/for NMQHYA or NMQHA will be allowed.
- If membership is reinstated and a second offense occurs, loss of membership in NMQHYA will be permanent for the duration of “youth” eligibility. Membership in NMQHA will require Board approval.
- I understand that the consumption, possession or use of alcohol or harmful non-prescribed drugs by a minor is against the law; NMQHYA members/officers, youth advisors or other parents or NMQHA members can report these activities to the proper authorities for legal prosecution.

Signatures:

Participant: _____ Parent/Guardian _____ Trainer (if Applicable) _____

Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____

Received: _____ Initials: _____