

NMQHA SHOW & CONTEST RULES

I. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

A. Points toward awards will count only if membership dues are paid prior to the first class at any given show or dues are mailed to the NMQHA Central Office postmarked one day prior to a show or paid to the show secretary prior to the start of the first class. Check for dues must be a separate check than that given to the show for show fees.

B. In the open division, the rider, exhibitor at halter and owner(s) or lessee(s) must be paid up members of NMQHA before horses will be considered for year-end awards. Members must conform to all AQHA ownership requirements.

C. Horses shown by AQHA permit holders, the rider, exhibitor at halter and owner(s) must be paid up members of NMQHA.

II. OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

A. AQHA Official Handbook Rules pertaining to ownership shall apply. AQHA Rules will cover any situation not listed in the NMQHA Show and Contest Rules.

B. If the ownership clause is violated at any show by an amateur or youth exhibitor, all points in all respective events for the year will be forfeited and the exhibitor suspended from NMQHA for the remainder of the year.

C. Any horse transferred will be considered owned by the new owner on the date recorded at AQHA

A. POINT DETERMINATION AND RULES FOR ALL DIVISIONS

1. Points shall be kept on all NMQHA approved shows in New Mexico. Only shows approved by NMQHA shall count toward annual awards.
2. All classes held at least 5 times will count toward year end awards.
3. Points will be counted through nine places and based on class size as per AQHA rule 417-1. In case of a tie, each horse shall receive the same number of points for example; if the third place horse in the class were to receive 8 points and the fourth place horse in the class were to also receive 8 points, the fifth place horse would receive 6 points.
4. Points are not transferable if the horse is gelded. This is to say points won in stallion classes cannot be transferred to a gelding class.
5. The Grand Champion Halter Horse will receive 2 points more than the largest class in his sex division. The Reserve Champion shall receive 1 point more than the largest class in his sex division. (There are no halter classes for Select, Novice Amateur or Novice Youth)
6. Owners or horses competing for awards need not be residents of New

Mexico. Awards are OPEN TO THE WORLD. To be eligible, all membership requirements must be met.

B. AMATEUR & AMATEUR SELECT

1. Refer to **Rules For All Divisions** explained above
2. Points are to 1 horse/1 rider. You may show more than one horse however points earned with each horse must be compiled separately for year end awards.
3. If classes are combined points will be given in the division entered.

C. YOUTH

1. Refer to **Rules For All Divisions** explained above
2. Points are to 1 horse/1 rider. You may show more than one horse however points earned with each horse must be compiled separately for year end awards.
3. NMQHA will offer classes 18 & Under. For year end awards, points will be broken out into 13 & Under and 14-18 age groups.

D. NOVICE AMATEUR

1. Refer to **Rules For All Divisions** explained above
2. Permit holders, owner or horse and exhibitors or riders must be NMQHA members
3. Points are to 1 horse/1 rider. You may show more than one horse however points earned with each horse must be compiled separately for year end awards.

E. NOVICE YOUTH

1. Refer to **Rules For All Divisions** explained above
2. NMQHA will offer classes in the following age groups
 - a. 13 & Under
 - b. 14-18
3. Points are to 1 horse/1 rider. You may show more than one horse however points earned with each horse must be compiled separately for year end awards.
4. Permit holders, owners of horse and exhibitors or riders must be NMQHA members.

Age Groups must be run as approved with NMQHA. Age groups may be combined at a show if done according to AQHA Rules, See AQHA Rule 409 G & H.

VIOLATIONS

- Any member may be suspended for fraudulent practices, for failing to pay when due any obligations owing to the association, for unsportsmanlike conduct or for presenting the association in an unfavorable light.
- The giving of a worthless check for any obligation owing to the association or organization affiliated with the association shall result in the loss of all points won from the time the check is delivered to a representative of the association or any organization affiliated with the association until the check is paid, together with any bank charge incurred by the association or its affiliated organization. There shall be no obligation on the association or its affiliated organization to submit a check for collection more than one time. If the return of a check was the result of a bank error and satisfactory evidence is submitted to the Board of Directors of such bank error, all points will be restored.
- Any member falsely advertising in any publication the standing of an individual or horse will be subject to a hearing before the Board of Directors. All reference to point standings of a horse or individual in a publication shall also include a reference to the date of such standing.
- There shall be no use of alcoholic beverages in any arena during a show and their use curtailed in the surrounding area.
- Any member who is affected by an alleged violation of the rules of the association shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board of Directors. Notice of the hearing date shall be mailed to such person at the address reflected by membership records of the association.
- All positive drug tests will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and appropriate action will be taken. Owner and Exhibitor will be notified.
- In case of discrepancies regarding the above rules, such discrepancies will be presented to the Board of Directors for interpretation. The decision of the Board of Directors regarding an interpretation of the rules is final. AQHA rules shall be applied when not covered by NMQHA rules.

NMQHA YEAR END SHOW AWARDS

For all divisions exhibitor must place in 4 shows to be eligible for year end class awards as well as High Point/Reserve High Point awards. To be eligible for division High Point/Reserve High Point awards, the horse/exhibitor must compete in 3 or more events in 2 or more categories as per the AQHA rulebook category designation (Rule 417c).

OPEN AWARDS

1. Year End awards will be given to all Halter and Performance classes that are held at least five (5) times during the year. Exhibitor must place at least four times in a class to be eligible for a class award,
 - a. An award will be given to the Jr. & Sr. Horse totaling the most NM points won in NMQHA approved shows and the horse with the second most points as tabulated on all classes.
 - b. The NMQHA point system will be used. AQHA approved classes with the exception of AQHA Youth and Amateur classes will count if held in accordance with all NMQHA Show and contest Rules.
 - c. High point horses of the year will be tabulated and should be on NMQHA points only. No AQHA points will be considered.

B. YOUTH AWARDS

- High points year end and reserve high point awards will be given in these two age groups: 13 and Under, and 14 through 18. At NMQHA sponsored shows, classes are offered as 18 & under. Exceptions would be at NMQHA approved, but not NMQHA sponsored shows where show management might elect to offer 13 & under and 14-18 classes.
- Awards for first place will be given in any NMQHA approved class which is held at 5 or more shows provided the classes meet NMQHA rules. A youth must place in at least four NMQHA approved classes to be eligible for an award in that class to be tabulated for high point awards. Youth awards will be purchased by NMQHVA and NMQHA.

Youth awards will be given in the following classes:

13 and Under	14 through 18
Showmanship	Showmanship
Hunter U/Saddle	Hunter U/Saddle
Hunt Seat Equitation	Hunt Seat Equitation
Trail Class	Trail Class
Horsemanship	Horsemanship
Western Pleasure	Western Pleasure

18 and Under

Halter	Working Cow Horse
Western Riding	Calf Roping
Reining	Jumping
Cutting	Equitation over fences
Heading	Hunter Hack
Heeling	Working Hunter
Team Penning	Barrels
	Poles
	Stakes

AMATEUR & AMATEUR SELECT AWARDS

1. Year end awards will be given to a class that is held at least five (5) times. Exhibitor must place at least four times in a class to be eligible for a class award.
2. High point amateur/select amateur of the year and reserve high point of the year will be awarded as follows:
 - a. A High Point Award will be given to the horse totaling the most number of NMQHA points won in NMQHA approved shows, and a Reserve High Point award will be given to the horse with second most points as tabulated on all classes
 - b. The NMQHA point system will be used. Halter points in amateur only will count. There are no halter classes for the Amateur Select Division.
 - c. High point awards will be based on one horse - one rider.

D. NOVICE YOUTH AWARDS

1. Novice youth yearend awards will be given in 13 & Under and 14-18 age divisions.
2. Year end awards will be given to a class that is held at least five (5) times. Exhibitor must place at least four times in a class to be eligible for a class award.
3. Novice youth class awards will be given as follows:

13 & under

Novice youth Hunter under Saddle
 Novice youth Hunt Seat Equitation
 Novice youth Showmanship
 Novice youth Trail
 Novice youth Western Pleasure
 Pleasure Novice youth Horsemanship
 Horsemanship

14-18

Novice youth Hunter under Saddle
 Novice youth Hunt Seat equitation
 Novice youth Showmanship
 Novice youth Trail
 Novice youth Western
 Novice youth

18 & under

Novice Western Riding
 Novice youth Reining
 Novice Working Hunter
 Novice Equitation over Fences

4. A High Point award will be given to the youth totaling the most Novice Youth points won in NMQHA approved shows in each of 13 & under and 14-18 and a Reserve High Point award will be given to the youth with the second most points won in NMQHA approved shows.
5. High point novice youth of the year will be tabulated on NMQHA points only. No AQHA points will be considered. One horse, one rider. There are no Novice Halter classes.

E. NOVICE AMATEUR AWARDS

1. Year end awards will be given to a class that is held at least five (5) times. Exhibitor must place at least four times in a class to be eligible for a class award.
2. High point novice amateur/ of the year and reserve high point of the year will be awarded as follows:
 - a. A High Point Award will be given to the horse totaling the most number of NMQHA points won in NMQHA approved shows, and a Reserve High Point award will be given to the horse with second most points as tabulated on all classes
 - b. The NMQHA point system will be used. Halter points in amateur only will count. There are no halter classes for the Novice Amateur division.
 - c. High point awards will be based on one horse - one rider.
3. Novice amateur class awards will be given as follows:

Novice amateur Hunter under Saddle
 Novice amateur Hunt Seat Equitation
 Novice amateur Showmanship
 Novice amateur Trail
 Novice amateur Western Horsemanship
 Novice amateur Western Pleasure
 Novice amateur Reining
 Novice amateur Working hunter
 Novice amateur Equitation over Fences

Ties will be broken in an event by choosing the competitor with:

- The most number of first places
- The most horses beaten
- The most number of second places
- Flip of a coin

AQHA Point System will be used.

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**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF
NEW MEXICO QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION
ARTICLE 1
NAME AND OBJECTIVES**

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the New Mexico Quarter Horse Youth Association hereafter referred to as NMQHYA. This organization shall be a division of the New Mexico Quarter Horse Association. It shall operate within the scope of the by-laws, rules and regulations of the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), the American Quarter Horse Youth Association (AQHYA) and the New Mexico Quarter Horse Association (NMQHA).

Section 2: The objectives and purposes of the NMQHYA shall be as follows:

- To improve and promote the American Quarter Horse breed.
- To improve and develop capabilities of youth, both individually and through group participation, in breeding, raising, and exhibition of Quarter Horses.
- To improve and develop youth participation in scholarship, leadership, sportsmanship, and community interest.
- To establish a means whereby youth members may work in conjunction with the NMQHA and the AQHYA.

**ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: The Youth must be eligible for membership in the American Quarter Horse Youth Association.

Section 2: Youth Voting Power: Any person actively interested in Quarter Horses who is not more than eighteen (18) years of age on January 1 of the membership year is eligible to become a member of this organization.

Section 3: Voting Privileges: Members shall have the privilege of voting at NMQHYA meetings and elections; provided, however, that no such member who shall be delinquent by reason of non-payment of dues shall be entitled to vote while such delinquency continues

Section 4: Membership Dues: An annual fee of 30.00 shall be paid for each annual membership \$10.00 of which is transferred to the youth association. The fee shall be due and payable on November 1 of each year, though a person may join on any date of the membership year. All memberships end on October 31 of the following year regardless of the date dues were paid.

**ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

Section 1: Annual Membership Meeting: The annual membership meeting and convention shall be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the New Mexico Quarter Horse Association, unless otherwise ordered by the NMQHA Board of Directors, for the receiving of the annual reports of the previous year and the transactions of other business. Written notice of the annual membership meeting shall be provided to all paid NMQHYA members no later than thirty (30) days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

Section 2: Special Meetings: A special meeting of the NMQHYA may be called by the president, advisor, or Board of Directors to deal with regular business and/or special problems. Written notice of a special membership meeting shall be provided to all paid NMQHYA members no later than seven (7) days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

Section 3: Quorum: A quorum shall consist of the number of members present at any meeting of which notice is given, provided however that in no instance shall a quorum consist of less than four (4) members.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and Sentinel. All of these officers will be elected by the youth members of the NMQHYA at the annual membership meeting and convention meeting of the New Mexico Quarter Horse Association.

Each officer of the NMQHYA shall hold office for a term of one (1) year beginning the first day of January after election, or until a successor is elected.

Section 2: Powers and Duties of Officers

President: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall have general direction and charge of the conduct and operation of the Association; subject to the authority of the NMQHYA Board of Directors and the NMQHA Board of Directors. The President shall appoint all committees of the NMQHYA, shall have power to execute all documents of every nature in its behalf; shall see that the resolutions and orders of the NMQHYA Board of Directors are carried into effect, and shall preside as chairperson at all meetings of the members and of the NMQHYA Board of Directors. The President shall have such other and further duties and authority as may be prescribed elsewhere in this constitution, or possibly as prescribed by the NMQHYA Board of Directors.

Vice President: The Vice President shall in the absence, disability, or inability to act as the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President and shall perform such other duties as the President shall possible prescribe.

Secretary: The Secretary shall perform the secretarial duties of the Association including the recording and distributing of the minutes of all meetings of the Association to the officers, the NMQHYA Board of Directors, the Youth Committee of the NMQHA and the President of NMQHA. The Secretary shall be responsible for appointing a substitute secretary if attendance of a meeting cannot be met.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect dues and conduct the financial business of the Association. The NMQHA Central Office will do the formal book keeping for the Association. The Treasurer shall request and keep monthly financial statements, manage incoming and outgoing monies and make periodic reports as to the financial condition of the Association to the NMQHYA Board of Directors and the Youth Committee of the NMQHA. A

copy of the financial status of the Association shall be provided to each NMQHYA member at the annual meeting and convention of the NMQHYA. **Sentinel:** The Sentinel shall have the responsibility of overseeing the procedures and conduct of each NMQHYA general meeting and/or Board of Directors meeting to insure the proper procedures and codes of conduct are used. The Sentinel shall keep the historical records of the NMQHYA and serve as the historian for the Association. The Sentinel may have other duties as prescribed by the President of the NMQHYA and or the NMQHYA Board of Directors.

Historian: The Historian shall the responsibility of overseeing the annual publication of a scrapbook for the youth. They will take pictures of youth interacting and participating at shows, meeting and the scrapbook should be completed for the annual convention.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The NMQHYA Board of Directors shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) members of the youth membership in good standing. Past Presidents - NMQHYA past presidents will be ex-officio member of the NMQHYA Board of Directors with voting privileges until such time as they reach the age that they are not longer eligible for youth membership.

Section 2: Term of Office: The NMQHYA Board of Directors shall serve for a period of one (1) year with a term of office expiring January 1 of the following year or until a successor is elected.

Section 3: Duties of the Directors: Duties of the NMQHYA Board of Directors shall be to act on all matters of the youth membership affiliate of the NMQHA. They shall review the rules of the association governing their responsibilities and whenever deemed necessary, make recommendations to the NMQHA Board for modification of the rules and shall perform such other duties as the President shall direct.

Section 4: Vacancies: Any vacancy that may occur on the youth Board by reason of resignation or otherwise, may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board for the un-expired term, or by a replacement selected by the remaining board members to fill the un-expired term. Such replacement must fill the requirements stated in section one of this article. The un-expired term which the replacement fills will count as one full term for that member.

Section 5: Quorum: A majority, four (4) members of the whole NMQHYA Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the youth Board.

Section 6: Absence: Any member of the NMQHYA Board of Directors unable to attend a board meeting shall inform the president stating the reason of absence. If a director is absent for three(3) board meetings for reasons that the NMQHYA Board of Directors declares to be insufficient, his/her resignation will be deemed to have been tendered and accepted and the board will then fill the vacancy in accordance with these by-laws.

Section 7: Powers of the Board: The NMQHYA Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to direct the affairs of the organization, including, but not limited to, the right to make, amend and repeal the constitution of the organization, the admission, classification, qualification, suspension, and expulsion of members, removal of officers, expenditure of money and other details relating to the general purposes of the organization, subject to the approval of the youth advisor and the NMQHA Board of Directors.

Section 8: Election: The youth members of the NMQHYA shall elect the NMQHYA Board of Directors at the annual membership meeting and convention.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Regular Meetings: The NMQHYA Board of Directors shall meet when deemed necessary; but should meet at least twice yearly to review the operation of the Association and it's activates.

Section 2: Special Meetings: Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President, Youth Advisor or by written request of the Board of Directors personally with at least seventy-two (72) hours notice before such dates is fixed. The proposed agenda for such a special meeting must be expressed in notice of the meeting.

Section 3: Place of Business: The NMQHYA Board of Directors will meet where ever deemed necessary upon receipt of written notice.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Section: The Youth Committee of the New Mexico Quarter Horse Youth Association shall be the same as the Youth Committee of the New Mexico Quarter Horse Association and shall consist of a Chairman and two co-chairmer appointed by the President of NMQHA. The number of committee members shall be determined by the President and/or Directors of NMQHA.

Section 2: Objectives: The Objectives of the Youth Committee shall be as follows:

- To advise and counsel the Youth Association on all Programs and activities.
- To encourage the highest ethics and sportsmanship.
- To Coordinate the World Team Program.
- To assist in fund raising activities.
- To work with 4-H and FFA to expand membership.

Section 3: Powers and Duties: The powers and duties of the Youth Committee shall be determined by the President and Directors of NMQHA and as otherwise prescribed in these By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1: Youth Advisor: The membership of the NMQHA will elect a Youth Advisor at the annual meeting and convention of the NMQHA. The term of the Youth Advisor shall be for one year. The Youth Advisor will oversee the activities of the NMQHYA, be responsible to oversee the business dealing of the Association, report to the NMQHA Board of Directors on the activities and business of the Association, coordinate the activities of the Association and perform other duties of youth advisor as prescribed by the American Quarter Horse Youth Association.

Section 2: Any member of the Association who is unruly or disorderly at any Association meeting or Association sponsored function shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors and the Youth Committee. In all such cases, the Board of Directors and the Youth Committee shall have the power, after due hearing, to suspend or revoke the membership of the offending person or persons.

Section 3: The fiscal year of the Association shall be consistent with that of the NMQHA.

Section 4: Amendments: These By-Laws may be amended or altered, in whole or in part by a majority vote of the number of Directors comprising the Board of Directors or by the vote of a majority of the members of the Association entitled to vote at any meeting or special meeting of the members providing that any amendment of the By-Laws changing the number of directors comprising the Board or the time or place of the election date on which any election of Directors will take place, must be made at least sixty (60) days before the date on which any election of Directors is held, and notice of such change must be given at least twenty (20) days before the election is held, in person, or by letter mailed to his/her last know address as shown in the record of the association.

Section 5: Waiver of Notice: Whenever under the provisions of these By-Laws, or of the law, the Directors or any committee are authorized to hold any meeting after notice, a written waiver of notice, signed by the person or persons entitled to notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to notice.

Section 6: Year End Awards: Year end awards shall be made in accordance with rules approved by the Board of Directors and the Youth Committee. Such rules shall be published and disseminated to the membership annually. Rule governing such awards may be modified as circumstances necessitate and as approved by the Board of Directors, and the Youth Committee, and the NMQHA Board.

2010-2011 NMQHHA QUALIFYING RULES

2011-2012 NMQHHA QUALIFYING RULES

SHOWING

1. All qualifying shows within the state of New Mexico approved by NMQHA and held between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011 are considered to be qualifying shows for the 2011 AQHYA World Championship Show. Dates of the AQHYA 2012 show are May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012.

2. Youth classes at NMQHA qualifying shows must be run in accordance with youth age groups rules as specified by NMQHA Show and Contest rules.

3. Youths wishing to compete in events not offered at NMQHA qualifying shows may petition NMQHHA for permission to represent the team in those events. The youth must have paid NMQHA and NMQHHA memberships by May 1st of the qualifying year to be considered for the event.

Petitions may be submitted at any time during the qualifying year, but will not be judged on a first come/first serve basis. Following the end of the qualifying period (April 30th), a committee made up of NMQHHA/NMQHA members will consider all petitions in the time period from May 1st through May 30th of that qualifying year and render a decision for each requested position based on the following criteria:

- 1) AQHA points acquired during the qualifying year in petitioned event(s)
- 2) In the absence of AQHA points, performance records in other sanctioned competitions of the petitioned event(s).
- 3) Horses being shown must meet AQHA ownership requirements.

POINTS

1. Points for the qualifying period will be compiled according to the NMQHA point system. This system allots points to the top horses in each event up to nine (9) placing (i.e., in a class of 22, the top placer would receive 9 points, in a class of 3, the top placer would receive 3 points). Qualifiers will receive the points allotted by their placing, even if non-qualifiers are in the classes, which may be broken into separate age groups as determined by the show management.

2. Points for Showmanship at Halter, Western Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, and Equitation over Fences will be kept on the youth regardless of the number of horses that the youth may elect to show. Points for all other events will be kept on the youth/horse combination. A youth wishing to designate a different horse in an event from the horse they have compiled points may submit a letter of petition to the NMQHA Board of Directors and the NMQHHA Youth Advisor between May 1st and 30th of the qualifying year. A youth must show a new horse one time in New Mexico before the qualifying period ends. No matter the circumstance, the switch is permanent for that qualifying year. A switch may only happen once during the year for the points to carry to the new horse or else the world show points will have to be forfeited for that year.

The appointed NMQHA/NMQHHA World Show Petition Committee will review these letters

3. The high point exhibitor in each event, based on the top eight classes will be for position #1 on the team in the event. The exhibitor with the second highest points, based on the top eight point earning classes for the exhibitor in the event, will be the #2 position on the team for the event. The exhibitor with the third highest points, based on the top eight point earning classes for the exhibitor in the event, will be the #3 position on the team for the event. The exhibitor with the fourth highest points, based on the top eight point earning

classes for the exhibitor in the event, will be the #4 position on the team for the event.

4. National Qualifiers will be part of the state team, but they will not be assigned either to the four positions per event.

5. First and second alternates for each event will also be named. Other alternate positions may be named in accordance to AQHYA World Show Qualification Rules.

6. Points will be kept on all NMYQHA youth members.

7. Ties will be broken in an event by choosing the competitor with:

- a. The most number of first places in the top eight point-earning classes per exhibitor.
- b. The most horses beaten in the top eight point earning classes per exhibitor.
- c. The most number of second places in the top eight point earning classes per exhibitor.

8. In order for a 2011 NMYQHA qualifier to have expenses defrayed at the AQHYA Championship show, he/she must have participated in 75% fund raisers or have raised \$100 minimum through any of the NMYQHA sponsored fund raisers. And have met the other criteria set forth of 5 hours community service or participation in a group community service.

MEMBERSHIPS

New Mexico Quarter Horse Youth team members must meet AQHA residency requirement.

AQHYA membership required dues are \$10.00 per year or \$50.00 lifetime. Dues must be paid to AQHYA, P. O. Box 200 Amarillo, Texas 79168

Membership, either family (\$40.00) or individual/youth (\$30.00) must be paid to NMQHA, PO Box 11 Peralta, NM 87042, \$10.00 will be transferred to the youth association. This membership will entitle a youth to receive year end awards and to qualify for the Youth World. Nationally qualified youths must also be NMQHA members.

A Qualifying fee of \$25.00 per youth is due and payable to NMQHAYA when qualifiers are selected for the AQHYA World Show. The fee must be received by NMQHAYA prior to the 2011 AQHYA World Show entries being sent to AQHA (usually the last week of June).

Members must be in good standings with all of the above associations.

SELECTIONS AND QUESTIONS

1. Final team determination for the 2011 AQHYA World Championship Show will be made by June 15th, 2011 and contestants will be notified immediately. Final team determination for the 2012 AQHYA World Championship Show will be made by June 15, 2012. AQHA must have all entries

in by July 1 of the pertaining year. All entries, including national qualifiers must be sent together to AQHA from the state advisor.

2. All youth going to the world show must sign and abide by a code of conduct letter. These letters must be signed and on file with the NMQHA Advisor by March 31, 2011.

3. For more information, contact NMQHAYA youth advisor, Tj Riddle at 575-461-1273; newmextj@hotmail.com.

4. Qualifying youth point keeper for the 2011 season, beginning May 2011 is Tracy McCracken. Qualifying youth point keeper for the 2011 season beginning May 1, 2012 will be the official point keeper appointed by the NMQHA Board of Directors.

NEW MEXICO QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION B-LAWS

ARTICLE I:

SECTION 1: The name of this association shall be know as the New Mexico Quarter Horse Association.

SECTION 2: The purpose of the New Mexico Quarter Horse Association shall be to promote, develop encourage interest in the breeding, racing, showing and any and all other general uses of the American Quarter Horse within the State of New Mexico as are supported by the members of the association. It shall be the purpose of the New Mexico Quarter Horse Association to uphold and support the Bylaws and General Rules of the American Quarter Horse Association.

ARTICLE II:

SECTION 1: Members of the association shall be admitted, retained and expelled (no member shall be expelled, except for nonpayment of dues without notice and an opportunity to be heard and present evidence and hear and refute the evidence offered against him), in accordance with such rules and regulations the Board of Directors may from time to time adopt, and all members, except nonvoting members in good standing shall have equal rights and responsibilities with respect to the association. In all matters governed by the vote of the members, each member present and in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. (The Board of Directors, by rule, may from time to time provide and establish nonvoting memberships by such classification and designation and with such privileges and responsibilities as the Board may deem proper).

SECTION 2: The regular annual membership meeting and awards presentation shall be held within 45 days of the first day of December of each year, and at such meeting place as may be selected by the Board of Directors, for the transactions of such other business as may be brought before the meeting. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to cause notice of each annual meeting to be sent to each member in good standing by mail at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

SECTION 3: The President may call a special meeting by notification in writing to the general membership two weeks in advance. Such notice shall state the date, time, place and purpose of such meeting. The President will be obligated to call a special meeting upon receipt two weeks in advance of a petition stating the date, time place and purpose of such meeting, and signed by a majority of the Board of Directors, or by 50 members in good standing. Action only may be taken on the matter or matters for which the meeting was called. No minutes are to be read at the special meeting, and the minutes of the special meeting will be read at the next regular meeting for approval.

SECTION 4: At any regular or special membership meeting the members present shall be no less than 50 to constitute a quorum.

SECTION 5: Any officer of the Association may call the meeting of the members to order and may act as chairman of such meeting, precedence being given as follows: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. In the absence of all such officers, members present may elect a chairman. The Secretary of the Association shall act as secretary of all meetings of the members, but in his absence, the presiding officer may appoint any person to act as secretary of the meeting.

SECTION 6: Whenever in the Bylaws the terms "member or members" shall be used, unless other wise specified, they shall mean a member or members having the right to vote

SECTION 7: Members of the association shall be divided into five classes: INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, YOUTH, LIFE AND HONORARY, as defined as follows:

INDIVIDUAL: A member over 18 years of age, qualified to vote and hold office.

FAMILY: A family member shall be husband, wife and all unmarried children 18 years of age and under. This type of membership has one vote, and one adult member of the family is qualified to hold office. Youth is excluded upon termination of his eligibility for youth competition.

YOUTH: Any person 18 years of age and under shall not be qualified to vote or hold office and shall have no interest in the association's property, but shall be entitled to all other privileges of the association. Age for Youth members shall be determined by their actual age on the first day of January of the calendar year.

LIFE: A life membership may be carried in the joint names of husband and wife, or if the life membership is carried in a single person's name, the name of the

later spouse may be added by one time amendment, and the successor or them (Spouse's death or divorce) shall be entitled to exclusive life membership and have the one time privilege to amend the membership's name to correctly reflect the successor's status by filing with the association a copy of judicial decree, written evidence of death, or written instrument of consent signed by the terminating spouse. Further, any life time member who has children which otherwise qualify for a Junior membership in the association, with all of the rights and privileges conferred upon Junior members above. A life membership shall be entitled to one vote.

HONORARY: Honorary members may be selected by the Board of Directors from time to time for such term as the Board may determine. Such member shall not be qualified to vote, or hold office, shall have no interest in the association's property, shall pay no dues, but shall be entitled to all other privileges of the association.

SECTION 8: Any member shall have the right to resign from the association anytime, and upon acceptance of such resignation by the board, the name of such members shall be stricken from the rolls.

SECTION 9: Membership dues shall be determined by the board of directors.

SECTION 10: The fiscal year of the association is November 1 through October 31. The membership year shall run from the beginning of the annual membership meeting through the next year and conclude just prior to the next annual membership meeting.

SECTION 11: Any member may be suspended for any fraudulent practice, for failing to pay when due any obligation owing to the association, for entry fees positive drug test, or for unsportsmanlike conduct that would present the association in a bad light before the eyes of the general public or other members. Any member against whom such action is taken by the Board of Directors shall be entitled to ten days written notice in advance as to the time date and place where his case will be considered by the Board of Directors, and then shall be removed only after a hearing before the Board of Directors or a Committee selected by the Board. The action of the Board of Directors shall be conclusive on all parties of interest.

ARTICLE III:

SECTION 1: The written contract of the association shall be executed on behalf of the association by the President or First Vice President and attested by the Secretary and the Corporation Seal.

SECTION 2: The officers of the association shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer and a Secretary. The secretary and Treasurer shall turn over all record and books, IN ORDER, no later than 30 days after the regular annual membership meeting.

SECTION 3: The term of each officer shall be for one year in no instance shall the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary be eligible to run for more than two (2) terms consecutively in any one office; nor shall any of said officers hold more than one office at any one time.

SECTION 4: The President shall be the Chief Executive of the association, and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors or membership. He shall be ex-officio member of all committees and Chairman of the by-laws and planning committees. During his term in office, he shall only vote to break a tie.

SECTION 5: In the absence of the President, the First Vice President shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The First Vice President shall be responsible for all promotion and marketing activity. The second Vice President shall be responsible for Publications, Show and Contest and Approval.

SECTION 6: The duties of the Treasurer shall be to account for all monies of the association and sub associations and special bank accounts by itemized statements for presentation at each annual meeting of the members and to the Board of Directors quarterly, annually and on demand. All expenditures shall be made by check signed by the Treasurer or persons designated by the treasurer. The outgoing Treasurer shall provide a proposed budget for the coming year at the annual membership meeting. This budget shall be subject to change, as needed, by the Board of Directors. Each outgoing Treasurer shall have the books audited 30 days after the annual membership meeting, at which time the new Treasurer shall take office, by a committee assigned by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will present a financial summary of the past year at the annual membership meeting. The Treasurer should maintain a current roster of members in good standing.

SECTION 7: The secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of all membership meetings, special meetings, and Directors meetings. The Secretary shall be the keeper of all documents and records of the association and shall keep a record of the same.

SECTION 8: The officers will be elected at the New Directors meeting immediately following the annual meeting and shall include President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. This shall be the first order of business. The officers shall take office immediately (except for the Treasurer who shall take office 30 days after the annual membership meeting). The new treasurer shall not assume any of the financial duties of closing out the current calendar year.

SECTION 9: There shall be sixteen standing committees (drug committee added in 1991), as deemed necessary, of this association. Committee chairmen will be appointed by the President and the appropriate officer within 15 days after the annual meeting. These committees shall meet as required and annually at the convention. Minutes of all committee meetings shall be submitted to the Board of Directors, all items to be brought before the annual membership meeting must first be reviewed in committee meetings. The following officers shall be members of the following standing committees:

President	By-laws, Planning, Drug
1st V. President	Sales, Futurity, State Fair, Racing
2nd V. President	Show & Contest, Show Approval, Publications
Secretary	Amateur, Youth, Office Operations
Treasurer	Budget, Membership

ARTICLE IV:

SECTION 1: The President shall appoint a five member nominating committee to include at least two members from the General Membership and not more than three Directors. Any Director who is up for re-election may not serve on the nominating committee

SECTION 2: A slate of proposed directors shall be mailed to the membership 30 days prior to the annual convention and membership meeting. Additional persons may be nominated for directors at the annual membership meeting. The chairperson must recognize all members who wish to place a member's name in nomination.

SECTION 3: The directors shall be elected by a simple majority vote of those (paid) persons in good standing in attendance at the annual membership meeting who have paid membership dues for the coming year.

SECTION 4: The board of directors shall consist of twelve members serving three year terms. The three year terms will rotate on the Board in groups of four and can serve no more than two consecutive terms.

SECTION 5: In case of the vacancy in the Board of Directors by death, resignation, disqualification, (increase in number) or other cause, the remaining directors, by affirmative vote of a majority thereof, may elect a successor to hold

Office for the un-expired portion of the term of the director whose place shall be vacated and until the election of his successor by the members.

SECTION 6: The regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the annual members meeting, and no notice shall be required for such regular meeting of the board. The board, by rule, may provide for other regular meetings at stated times and place of which two weeks notice shall be required.

SECTION 7: Any director who has three (3) unexcused absences during a term of office from the Director's meeting shall automatically be removed from office. Any un-expired term occurring from such a vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 8: Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the President or a majority of the directors at any time and place in which every director is present. Special meetings may be called without notice. Business can be transacted as if the meeting has formally been called.

SECTION 9: A majority of the total number of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 10: At meetings of the Board of Directors, business shall be transacted in such order as the Board may determine.

SECTION 11: The Board of Directors may act without convening in general or special meetings by written resolution signed by all the members of the Board in office at the time being and duly entered in the corporation records and or by telephone conference calls.

SECTION 12: The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to make, amend, repeat and enforce such rules and regulations not contrary to law or the certificate of incorporation or by the by-laws, as they may deem expedient concerning the conduct, management, and activities of the association, the admission, classification qualification, suspension, and expulsion of members, removal of officers, the rules and regulation governing the procedure and such suspension and expulsion, and removal, the fixing and collecting of dues and fees, the expenditure of money, the auditing of books and records, the awarding of championships and other details relating to the general purpose of the association, all however, subject to revision or amendment by a majority vote of the general membership at any regular or special meeting of the members as outlined in ARTICLE II, SECTION 3.

SECTION 13: Any protest must be made in writing to the board of directors thirty days prior to the annual convention accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 cash or certified check, which sum will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. All protests will be brought before NMQHA Board of Directors for a final decision at the next scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE V:

SECTION 1: These by-laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors only. In the event of any amendment at a meeting of the Directors, such amendment shall not become effective until approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting or by mail ballot, and the notice of such meetings must include the complete proposed amendment. Membership must have 30 days notice in writing prior to presentation.

ARTICLE VI:

SECTION 1: A Central Office function shall be maintained by the Association in a central location convenient to and in the best interest of the membership.

SECTION 2: The New Mexico Youth Quarter Horse Association shall be a division of the New Mexico Quarter Horse Association. It shall operate within the scope of the by-laws, rules and regulations of the New Mexico Quarter Horse Association and the American Quarter Horse Association.