

## **YOUTH CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS**

**\*\*Amended as of January 15, 2012**

### **ARTICLE 1**

The name of the organization shall be Tennessee Quarter Horse Youth Association.

### **ARTICLE 11**

The Association shall have as its principal objections:

Section 1. Development of leadership, initiative, self-reliance, sportsmanship and other desirable traits of character.

Section 2. To promote pride of ownership of registered quarter horses among boys and girls.

Section 3. Safety

Section 4. The teaching and learning of horsemanship, both care and handling of horses, and participation in above.

### **ARTICLE 111**

Membership shall consist of boys and girls 18 years old and under. Dues shall be annually and will coincide with the annual dues of the Tennessee Quarter Horse Association.

### **ARTICLE IV**

Section 1. This association shall be under the direction and guidance of the Youth Director(s) of the Tennessee Quarter Horse Association.

Section 2. Each Past President of the youth association shall automatically become a member of the TQHA Board for one year following their presidency.

### **ARTICLE V**

Charter members shall be all those members paid up by April 30, 1970.

### **ARTICLE VI**

Officers elected shall be as follows: President, Corresponding Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sentinel.

Section 1. The duties of the President shall be as follows: preside over all meetings of this association, appoint any necessary committee; attend Tennessee Quarter Horse Association Board meetings, (this position is a voting member of the TQHA Board), report previous year's activities at the annual convention, and other duties as required.

Section 2. Duties of the Corresponding Vice President shall be: to report activities of the association to AQHYA, assist the President, and perform duties of the President in his/her absence.

Section 3. The Second Vice President is to perform duties as required.

Section 4. The duties of the Secretary shall be: to keep minutes of all meetings, keep an up-to-date roster of association members, call roll at each regular meetings, furnish the President of the Youth Association and Youth Director(s) a copy of the monies of each meeting.

Section 5. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to keep records of all financial activities and forward monies collected to the TQHA Secretary for deposit.

Section 6. The duties of the Sentinel shall be to maintain order at all meetings in accordance with parliamentary procedure.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

There shall be a minimum of four (4) meetings a year or as deemed necessary by the officers and Board of Directors. The annual meeting shall be for the election of officers.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

The Tennessee Quarter Horse Youth Association and/or the Tennessee Quarter Horse Association, being a non-profit organization, shall not be responsible for loss due to accident, theft, or otherwise sustained by any member, exhibitor, guest or visitor.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

The constitution and by-laws, when approved by the advisors of the TQHA and TQHYA shall stand until the annual awards organizational meeting and may be amended hereafter by a vote of fifty-one (51) percent of the members present at any succeeding annual awards meeting.

#### **ARTICLE X**

Section 1. AQHYA YOUTH WORLD SHOW – Points for determining youth team to Youth World will follow AQHYA timeframe May 1 – April 30 based on best 10 goes.

Section 2. QUARTER HORSE CONGRESS – Points for determining youth team to Congress will be from September 1 to August 10 based on best 15 goes. Qualifying classes are Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Reining, Hunter Under Saddle, Horsemanship, and Barrels.

Section 3. In order for an annual award to be given there must be a minimum of three (3) classes in each division per year.

Section 4. Youth must sign up for Competition Card membership for points to be calculated for Congress and World Team participation.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

#### **Team Member Participation**

1. Team members representing TQHYA in all team functions must put forth full participation, including stalling with the team and marching in the parade of states at all sponsored functions such as AQHYA World and Congress, participating in all specified fund raisers, community service projects, and attending two youth meetings and turn in a letter of intent. All

requirements must be met to obtain a state position with financial support.

2. Preference for state spots will be given to youth with highest points that have also given full participation over youth with high point standings that lacked participation. Decision determined by Youth Committee.

3. Any one youth may be invited to represent TQHHA with up to two class entries. The top two qualifiers for Congress team and the top six qualifiers for the World team will be invited to participate as determined by TQHHA point standings. Financial support will be offered to the top two qualifiers per class per Congress team and the top four qualifiers per class on the World team that have fulfilled all the financial support requirements.

4. In the event that a youth is qualified in more than two entries (first or second in TQHHA point standings) said youth should choose the two entries on which he/she would most like to participate. The next highest qualifier would then be allowed an opportunity to participate, and so on down to seventh place. If none of those youth choose to show, the original qualifier may then ride an additional entry. These entries shall be in addition to any and all national invitations. A youth's entries may consist of more than one horse, including multiple horses in any one class, in accordance with AQHHA rules. Such multiple horses will constitute multiple entries (for example: if a youth chooses to ride one gelding and one mare in reining, this will count as two of his/her two classes. No one exhibitor can show two horses in one class if that decision eliminates another exhibitor from participating. –Exceptions will be considered by the Youth Committee.

## **RULES**

Members competing for a slot on the AQHHA World team should be present at the cutoff date show or notify the Youth Director. If a youth has committed to go to the AQHHA World or to the Congress on a team and later withdraws the entry, he/she will be held financially liable for all entries and expenses incurred in their behalf, except in extenuating circumstances.

Members of the All-American Quarter Horse Congress and Youth World Show teams will follow AQHA World Rules and Congress rules.