

ARTICLE I: MISSION STATEMENT

Empire State Quarter Horse Youth Association

The mission statement of the Empire State Quarter Horse Youth Association is to provide youth interested in the American Quarter Horse a place to get together with other youth who share similar interests. It is our goal to provide services to our members to promote the love of the American Quarter Horse for all youth (not limited to owners and riders) in New York State. Within these services, a wide variety of activities including but not limited to AQHA approved horse shows will be planned each year in order to give all youth an opportunity to participate in ESQHYA sponsored functions.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

To improve and promote the American Quarter Horse breed and pride of ownership among young men and women.

To improve and develop the capabilities of youth, both individually and through group participation, in the breeding, raising, daily care, and exhibition of American Quarter Horses instilling an appreciation for the rights and welfare of horses of all breeds.

To develop and improve leadership skills and encourage young men and women to participate in community interest projects in addition to horse related activities, such as art and literature contests, judging clinics, public speaking, the AQHA Star program, the AQHA Trail riding program, etc.

To encourage high moral character, sportsmanship and clean living among all its members (see Behavior Policy).

To acquaint youth members with the parent organization, Empire State Quarter Horse Association, and encourage participation in that group.

To promote, foster, and assist the national organizations, American Quarter Horse Association and the American Quarter Horse Youth Association, and to maintain a working relation with each.

BEHAVIOR POLICY

All States and Provinces have clear laws regarding the use of alcohol and other controlled substances, and AQHYA believes and supports those laws. ESQHYA will strictly adhere to a no tolerance rule on alcohol, drug and cigarette abuse by its Youth Members.

Equally as important as legal behavior is the treatment of other individuals within the organization and any other individuals that may be participating in club sponsored events. You should strive to be polite, courteous and helpful whenever possible. Work to understand others in your organization, especially when they disagree with you.

TEAM WORK

WHY IS TEAM WORK IMPORTANT?

Much of what the AQHYA encourages is team work. Through the state youth associations, continuing through competition and sportsmanship, right on to the six members of the AQHYA Executive Committee, team work is emphasized.

Some individuals take the stance that teaching team work through an individually competitive environment is an exercise in futility, however, this is not the case. Youths showing Quarter Horses, even if they don't intend to show for their state team at the AQHYA World Championship Show, can demonstrate their team work by helping their peers prepare for a class, cheering them on and then helping to clean up.

Additionally, youths can get together as a team on state association projects, fund raisers and membership drives.

Good team players -- people willing to sacrifice personal acclaim for the good of the team (association) -- is what most coaches want on their team, so why wouldn't the membership?

You'll know you're a good team member if you:

1. Know what is to be accomplished by the team. Furthermore, you should inform other team members of the team's goals if they are in the dark.
2. Help determine how the goal should be accomplished. Input from everyone is needed at this stage. Your contribution is important.
3. Share in the mutual respect of your team members. You've got to be willing to trust the skill and expertise of other group members and to become interdependent, forsaking perhaps your independence to do so.
4. Share in group decision making. To be a team member is a responsibility. Some people like to sit on the sidelines and remain silent, so they can later say, "I told you so." Good team members don't do that. They are committed at the outset, and willing to expose their thoughts. It takes courage to be a team player.
5. Share the glory with others. You'll make a poor team member if you try to take credit for all the glory for the ideas that work. A good team shares the glory.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: Membership shall consist of any youth (regardless of the state or country of residence) who, on January first of the current year, is eighteen years of age or under.

SECTION 2: Membership may be obtained upon payment of \$20.00 nontransferable dues for the current year. Membership privileges start with the date of postmark, if illegible, three days prior to receipt of membership by the ESQHYA Treasurer. The

membership shall be January first through December thirty-first of the calendar year regardless of date paid.

SECTION 3: ESQHA membership does not mean automatic membership in the Youth association (ESQHYA). Youth membership must be purchased separately. If you are a member of ESQHYA, you will receive youth points towards the year-end awards, but you must be a member of ESQHA in order to receive open points and open year-end awards.

SECTION 4: Only members who reside in New York State may be elected to the Board.

SECTION 5: Any member may withdraw from the Association by presenting to the Secretary a written statement of resignation. A withdrawal card will be presented to the member without refund of dues.

SECTION 6: Any member may be expelled for: (a) knowingly and willfully misrepresenting in any essential detail an animal sold at public or private sale or shown at any show or race meet; (b) other causes prejudicial to the best interest of the association; (c) use of alcohol or illegal drugs at ESQHYA or ESQHA shows or functions. Such expulsion may be affected by a majority of the Board favoring such expulsion at a duly called meeting conducted in accordance with the provisions of SECTION 7 of the article.

SECTION 7: When any member of this association shall be accused of any of the violations constituting grounds for expulsion as herein provided above, the Board shall cause a written notice to be served upon such accused member ten days before the proposed hearing, stating the person(s) accusing the member, the charges and specifications against the accused, and the time and place of the hearing to be held.

SECTION 8: Any member expelled by the American Quarter Horse Association or the American Quarter Horse Youth Association is automatically expelled from this Association.

SECTION 9: Any resigning or expelled member forfeits all rights to any property of the Association.

ARTICLE IV: OPERATION

SECTION 1: This Association shall be under the direction of the New York Directors of the AQHA, one AQHA recognized adult Advisor, and two assistant Advisors. All advisors must hold a current ESQHA membership.

SECTION 2: Operation of the Association shall be under the direction of a Board consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and eight Directors.

SECTION 3: The immediate past president shall serve as a non-voting member of the Board.

SECTION 4: A quorum for conducting any business of the Association shall be eight members of the Board.

SECTION 5: Delegates to the annual AQHYA Convention: Officers and Directors who have not attended the annual AQHYA Convention will be asked first if they desire to attend. If more than four people wish to attend as delegates, each will submit an essay as to why they wish to attend as a delegate. The AQHA advisor will decide which four are to go. If there is a debate on who to send, essays will be submitted to the mother club for determination. Funding for the trip and expenses will be determined annually based on money currently in the treasury of the club.

SECTION 6: There will be a parents forum held once a month prior to the youth general membership meeting, where all parents are invited to discuss the issues that need to be dealt with within the youth club. These issues may be presented at the youth meeting during the allotted time.

SECTION 7: There will be a trainers' forum held whenever they deem necessary, where they may discuss the issues which they wish to comment upon pertaining to the youth club. Suggestions may be presented at the youth meeting during the allotted time.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

SECTION 1: Duties of the President shall be as follows: The President shall preside over all meetings of this Association. The President will appoint committees which shall be deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the Association. Each committee will be supervised by a parent volunteer. The president will submit in December at the year end meeting an annual summary of what has taken place in the past year with recommendation for future direction.

SECTION 2: Duties of the Vice President shall be as follows: The Vice President shall, in the absence, disability or inability to act of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President, and shall perform such other duties as the President shall from time to time prescribe. The Vice President must also present a current reading of the membership roster and take roll call at every general meeting after the reading of the minutes.

SECTION 3: Duties of the Secretary shall be as follows: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association and will furnish a copy of such minutes to the President of ESQHYA and ESQHA, the Advisors, the AQHA Representative, Newsletter Editor of ESQHYA, and the Newsletter Editor of ESQHA within ten days of each meeting. He/she will keep records of attendance at all meetings by having each member sign their name and furnish this record to the President of ESQHYA and the AQHA recognized Advisor within ten days of each meeting. He/she is responsible for the roll

call of the officers, directors, and advisors whose attendance will be published along with the minutes in the newsletter.

SECTION 4: Duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows: The Treasurer shall work in conjunction with an appointed ESQHA Advisor and an outside source to manage and appropriate the Association funds. The Advisor and approved outside source have charge and custody of and be responsible for all the Association funds as the Board and Advisors direct. All check drafts or other orders of payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of ESQHYA shall be signed by the ESQHA Youth Advisor or the Treasurer's appointed advisor. The AQHA Recognized Advisor and the Treasurer's advisor must be listed on and have access to all accounts of ESQHYA. A current detailed breakdown of all incomes and expenses shall be compiled and presented at each meeting of the Board or General Membership. The detailed report shall be provided to the Presidents of ESQHYA and ESQHA and the AQHA Recognized Advisor. ESQHYA records must be audited on an annual basis to reconcile deposits, receipts, and disbursements of the Association. The audit report will be presented at the next Board of Directors meeting after the end of the year. These records will be available to any members for their review. The Treasurer or his/her advisor must maintain the club records using a software program, or its equivalent. Records will be kept on computer disk for each calendar year.

SECTION 5: Duties of the Newsletter Editor: To organize and deliver to the ESQHA Newsletter Editor for publication information concerning activities of the Association and its individual members. This information shall be delivered to the ESQHA Newsletter Editor by his/her copy deadline. The Newsletter Editor shall send information to national and local equine magazines, as well as local newspapers regarding Association activities or individual achievements. The Newsletter Editor shall work to build public relations by informing the public of the Association and the individuals within. He/she will automatically be the chairperson of the Public Relations Committee.

SECTION 6: Duties of the Directors: The eight Directors shall exercise equal voting privileges with the Officers in managing the business of ESQHYA.

SECTION 7: Duties of Youth Advisors: To assist with organization of and to supervise all activities of the Association and to maintain open and honest communication with ESQHA. The Advisors do not have any voting privileges in ESQHYA. The AQHA recognized advisor shall be appointed by the ESQHYA executive board. Advisors must maintain a current ESQHA membership. Two year terms of advisors are optional to each advisor.

SECTION 8: If a member of the Board misses three meetings, that member of the Board will automatically be removed from that position unless, in the case of an emergency, an exception is made with the approval of the Advisors. If a Board member is dismissed, the remaining Board members shall appoint someone to complete the remainder of his/her term.

SECTION 9: All Officers and Directors shall be elected for a term of one year.

SECTION 10: Each Officer is required to confer with correlating officer of parent club after each meeting. (To apprise them with issues addressed in each meeting that relate to their particular office).

SECTION 11: In order to run for any of the above positions, each category requires prior involvement in ESQHYA by having attended at least three general membership meetings in the current calendar year. If not enough members meeting the requirements to run for office are present at the nominations, positions may be offered to members not meeting the requirements.

SECTION 12: The office of president and vice president require that a candidate shall previously have served the organization in either a lesser office or directorship.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

SECTION 1: The annual scheduling calendar will be prepared before the first annual calendar meeting (currently the January Convention meeting), and will be distributed among all ESQHYA members.

SECTION 2: There shall be a minimum of three general membership meetings per calendar year, beginning at the ESQHYA/ESQHA Convention. All general membership meetings shall occur after prior notification to the membership by mail or by publication in the newsletter. The November meeting shall be the nominating meeting with a slate of Officers, Directors, and Youth Advisors submitted by the Nominating Committee, followed by the nominations from the floor. Nominees will be limited to one position on the ballot. Nominations shall then be closed. The list of nominees shall be emailed to members if the email address is available, posted on the website, and voted upon at the December meeting. If the member has not provided an email address, the list will be mailed through the post office. Votes will be counted upon member verification by an independent source (ideally an ESQHA officer). The newly elected officials shall take over immediately following that meeting to preside over club affairs as per the ESQHYA By-laws described herein.

SECTION 3: You must attend three regularly scheduled meetings prior to November 15th to be eligible for a year end award.

SECTION 4: You must attend 2 regularly scheduled meetings before gaining voting privileges.

SECTION 5: Board members may only miss a total of 3 meetings.

SECTION 6: Board members must notify the president and an advisor prior to the meeting if they cannot attend.

SECTION 7: A schedule will be set for the youth general membership meetings which will coincide with most of the meetings of the Empire State Quarter Horse Association. The youth meetings will be held at the same time and location as the adult meetings if possible.

SECTION 8: Regularly scheduled youth membership meetings may be held at the conclusion of a day's events at horse during horse shows. Special meetings may be called with due notice as described in section 12. Only regularly scheduled meetings that were posted as of January count toward state qualifying for the youth world team and Congress teams. Attendance at three of these meetings is also required for funding for nationally qualified youth world team members. Only attendance at regularly scheduled meetings count toward year end awards.

SECTION 9: There will be monthly meetings of the Officers and Directors of the Youth Association. These meetings will be announced and open to the membership. During the year when the general membership meets, the Officer's meeting will occur the hour before the regular meeting is scheduled to begin.

SECTION 10: All nominees for the offices of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor, if not elected, have the option to have their name put forth on the ballot for the next office being voted on. All candidates must be present at nominations as well as election day (unless in case of emergency or prior notice is given).

SECTION 11: The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern ESQHYA in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rule of order ESQHYA may adopt. The Recognized AQHA Advisor should bring a copy to each meeting.

SECTION 12: Special meetings may be called throughout the year if needed. However, due notice to the General Membership must be made prior to holding such meetings by email and/or publication on the website. If the member has not provided an email address, the notice will be mailed through the post office.

SECTION 13: Parents of youth members may contribute ideas and comments during the meetings under the agenda item entitled; Parent Forum Report. Comments are limited to five minutes per speaker.

SECTION 14: Trainers of youth members may contribute ideas and comments during the meetings under the agenda entitled; Trainer Forum Report. Comments are limited to five minutes per speaker.

ARTICLE VII: PROCEDURE FOR FUNDS APPROPRIATION

SECTION 1: Any appropriation of funds, other than general operating expenses, must be approved by the Board. This includes but not limited to Committee proposals for expenditures, year end awards, horse show prizes, World and Congress team funding,

horse show expenses (judges, show grounds rental, etc.), and any other miscellaneous items.

General operating expenses include, but are not limited to, general membership mailings, meeting expenses, and other costs of operating the club.

SECTION 2: Before hiring any judges for either of the ESQHYA Youth Horse Shows, it should be stipulated to the potential judge that because these are our youth shows, we request that the judges' score cards be posted after each class for show participants' review.

SECTION 3: Since funding for the World and Congress teams is an important issue for ESQHYA members, the Treasurer (Chairman of the Finance Committee), and the Finance Committee, under the supervision of the Recognized AQHA Advisor must determine an approximate amount to be earmarked for World Funding and Congress Funding based on projected incomes from the ESQHYA horses shows and other fundraisers by May 15 of the calendar year using prior year's income and expenses as a guide.

After the ESQHYA Summer Show, that figure must be reviewed and adjusted if necessary, so that a report can be made to the Board with their final recommendations. The Board, at that time, will vote, based on the Club's financial condition, on how much to fund those two teams. Funding will proceed according to ARTICLE XI: AQHYA WORLD TEAM or ARTICLE XII: CONGRESS TEAM respectively.

SECTION 4: Anyone making a payment from personal funds to expedite an approved, legitimate club expense must: 1) have permission from the Recognized AQHA Advisor or Board; 2) obtain a receipt from the payee; and 3) submit that receipt to the ESQHYA Treasurer for reimbursement. NO payments will be reimbursed without a receipt and authorized approval. This type of practice should be kept to a minimum and only be used in emergency situations.

ARTICLE VIII: FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

SECTION 1: All monies raised from any ESQHYA fundraising activities or sponsorship drives will go into the general operating fund earmarked as fundraising income. These monies can be distributed as described in ARTICLE VII. At no time however, can individual members receive monies as a direct result of fundraising under the ESQHYA name and earmark it as their own.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: The Bylaws may be changed, added to, or subtracted from at a regular meeting or special meeting of the Association by a majority vote of members present at the time the vote is taken, provided the membership has been given notice either by mail

or Newsletter but not less than thirty days prior to the meeting. Bylaw changes will take affect as soon as passed.

ARTICLE X: CONFLICTS

SECTION 1: When conflicts occur, they shall be resolved by the ESQHYA Board of Directors and/or the AQHA Rule book. This will be done under supervision from the AQHA Recognized Advisor.

SECTION 2: To request changes to any operating procedure, a member must notify the President of their concern. Upon notification, the President will convene the appropriate committee. The member will then state the issue to the committee who will then discuss the issue and make a recommendation to the Executive Board who will give it due consideration and provide the membership with an official response.

ARTICLE XI: AQHYA WORLD SHOW TEAM

SECTION 1: TEAM MEMBERS

The national qualifying period for a horse/rider combination in any AQHYA event is May 1 of the previous year until April 30 of the current year. AQHA maintains all points related to this and sends qualifying invitations to the AQHYA World Show sometime in May. A youth will receive an entry for each class qualified. The youth is responsible for turning in signed, official AQHA forms to the Recognized AQHA or appointed advisor by the required date to be posted in the Newsletter.

ESQHYA requests that every ESQHYA youth member who nationally qualified and is seeking a team spot, contact the Recognized AQHA Approved Advisor before May 15 (if possible) - some of you know before AQHA notification - as to what events you have qualified for. The Recognized AQHA Advisor will then maintain an alphabetical and by event list. This list will be used by the Advisor and the Finance Committee to prepare a World Show budget.

ESQHYA may send four youth per World Show event as state qualifiers in addition to its national qualifiers. It is ESQHYA's goal to fill as many of those state spots as possible from its existing membership as of May 1 of that calendar year. This will be accomplished per SECTION 3 State Qualifying Requirements and SECTION 2 State Qualifying Chart.

SECTION 2: STATE QUALIFYING CHART

A youth must submit his/her name to the Recognized AQHA Advisor by May 1 of their desire to be included as a state qualifying candidate. This is not binding but assures a youth that his/her Participation Points and Horse Show State Qualifying points will be tracked.

A chart will be prepared listing all interested youth and as the youth completes requirements under SECTION 3 State Qualifying Requirements, it will be recorded and initialed on the chart by the Recognized AQHA Advisor. This chart will be available upon request to view. The chart will be finalized in the Notification Procedure (see Section 4) with Horse Show points being recorded at that time.

SECTION 3: STATE QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible to qualify as a team member representing New York State at the annual AQHYA World Championship Show, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

a) ESQHYA members must attend 3 regularly scheduled meetings of an approved AQHYA Quarter Horse association prior to July 1 of the current calendar year. One meeting must be an ESQHYA meeting. The recognized ESQHYA advisor must verify attendance.

b) The youth must have paid their ESQHYA membership dues no later than May 1 of the current calendar year.

c) The Youth must attend both ESQHYA sponsored shows. The youth must show in at least one of these shows.

d) There will be twelve state qualifying shows. They are as follows:

Spring Fling Show first weekend – Saturday and Sunday

Spring Fling Show second weekend – Saturday and Sunday

Saugerties - Saturday and Sunday

Cobleskill Spring Show – Saturday and Sunday

Breeders – Saturday and Sunday – Both Judges Cards will be used.

*ESQHYA Spring Show - Saturday and Sunday

*These shows are DOUBLE POINTED

The best five out of twelve shows will be used to rank the youth in each event. If a show is cancelled, a new show may be assigned if available.

e) Points will be calculated according to the guidelines set forth and followed by the Empire State Quarter Horse Association.

f) Each horse/rider combination will be limited to two “state qualifying” events unless asked to fill an open spot as determined by the Board.

g) If a horse/rider combination is nationally qualified for one event, they may state qualify for two events. If a horse/rider combination is nationally qualified for two or more events, they may state qualify for one event.

h) Events will be filled from the State Qualifying Chart (see Notification Procedure). Any youth who state qualifies in more than two events will be given first choice of which events to enter.

SECTION 4: NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

The ESQHYA point keeper will forward upon request the point standings after the first six qualifying shows to the AQHA Recognized Advisor prior to the ESQHYA Spring Show (first youth show). The Advisor will post those standings in the office area.

Immediately following the show, the results will be forwarded to the ESQHYA point keeper who will then update the files and forward a final copy of the point standings to the AQHA Recognized Advisor who will then with the President call an executive meeting of the ESQHYA Board to review the results and verify which youth have met the qualifying conditions as stated in SECTION 3 State Qualifying Requirements. They will then update the State Qualifying Chart with the point standings, and prepare a list ordering those youth from highest to lowest points in each event. In case of a tie, the oldest youth gets preference.

Every qualified youth will be contacted until all state spots are filled based on the prior procedures. In the event a spot cannot be filled by a youth from that list, the Board will decide how to fill that opening. The Board will select alternates for each of the respective classes under advisement from the AQHA Recognized Advisor.

The State Qualifying Chart will be available to any youth member or parent upon request.

SECTION 5: FUNDING PROCEDURE

ESQHYA will pay entry fees and stall rentals for all World Team members. In order for a national qualifier's stall to be paid at the World Show by ESQHYA, that qualifier must be an active member in good standing of ESQHYA, attend three meetings by July 1, participate in fundraising, work hours at shows, participate in the community service, and show in at least one youth show. Additionally, such costs as costumes for Parade of States, fan rentals, and other general expenses will be covered dependent on ESQHYA financial conditions. All of the aforementioned items will be given first priority in the funding process and will be subtracted out of the approved amount before individual funding begins.

Additionally, ESQHYA realizes that there are high individual costs in sending a team to the AQHYA World Show, and therefore commits to review on an annual basis the feasibility of monetarily aiding its participants. ESQHYA feels this is important in that ESQHYA is the designated affiliate in New York and therefore strong representation should be its goal in promoting AQHA sponsored events such as the World Show. However, ESQHYA also realizes that many of its members do not attend the World Show. Therefore, the Association feels that in all fairness to its other club members, that there should be an extra effort on all its members to participate in as many ESQHYA

functions as possible - especially in the area of Community Service and Fundraising projects that will generate the monies required to send our team to World Show. Additionally, our horse shows are for everyone and do generate income. ESQHYA expects all its members to be an integral part in producing a successful show, and have a lot of fun doing it!

Therefore, a PARTICIPATION CHART listing each of ESQHYA members will be kept covering the current calendar year January 1 through December 31. There will be six participation categories: Time Worked ESQHYA Spring Show, Time Worked ESQHYA Summer Show, Meeting Attendance, Fundraiser, Community Service, and Sportsmanship. (Note: Community Service may be dated 8/1 thru 12/31 of previous year.) This chart will be used in determining at what level a youth has met the participation requirements in order to be eligible for World or Congress team funding.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

1. The youth must work at least two hours per day at both ESQHYA Youth shows as directed by the Horse Show Job Coordinator. Upon checking in at each horse show, the youth must register his/her name in the job pool in order to be eligible for work assignments. During the show, the youth must check-in with the Job Coordinator for job sign-ups which coincide with youth's available time. Work may also be completed by a parent or another designated family member as substitution for the youth, but the same registration procedure is necessary.
2. Youth must attend at least three regularly scheduled meetings during the current calendar year prior to 7/1.
3. Youth must participate in at least one Community Service project from 8/1 of the previous year until 7/1 of the current calendar year.
4. Youth must participate in at least 50% of all the current calendar year fundraising activities.
5. Youth must demonstrate an attitude of good sportsmanship in all levels of participation in AQHA/ESQHYA events as determined by the AQHA Recognized Advisor. This requirement will not carry a point value unless one or more of the other requirements has been met, but can instead detract points or disqualify a rider entirely if un-sportsmanlike conduct is extreme enough to warrant as determined by a vote of the advisors and officers.

Each requirement earns 2 participation points with a maximum of 10 possible points. Each point will equate to a percentage i.e. 1 pt = 10%, 2 pt = 20%, ...10 pt = 100%.

ALL team members are expected to participate in stall decorating and the Parade of States. A youth must participate in the class unless the horse is physically unable to show

as certified by a Veterinarian. In the event a youth does not fulfill these final commitments, any monies awarded to that youth may be forfeit and ESQHYA will expect reimbursement.

CALCULATION OF INDIVIDUAL TEAM FUNDING

By July 15 of the current year, the Board and the Recognized AQHA Advisor must meet to determine the number of World Team members eligible for funding (see PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS). Using the approved World funding amount (ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3), calculation will be made as follows:

1 Share = Approved World Funding / # of eligible World Team Members

Based on each team member's participation points, the final calculation will be as follows:

Member's Participation = Share (as calculated above) x Participation Percentage

If a member did not qualify to use his/her full share, those monies are returned to the general operating fund.

Any payments due using the above procedure will be made to the qualifying individuals by July 20 of the current year (for Congress, September 30 of the current year).

ARTICLE XII: CONGRESS TEAM

SECTION 1: TEAM MEMBERS

ESQHYA may send the two representatives for each of the following classes to represent our Association at the Annual All-American Congress held each year in October in Columbus, Ohio: Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Showmanship, Reining, Barrels, and Hunter Under Saddle.

It is ESQHYA's goal to fill each and every one of those spots.

SECTION 2: CONGRESS QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS

a) All requirements for State Qualifying for the World Team also apply to qualifying for the Congress Team. See Meeting Requirements for State Qualifying. Three regularly scheduled meetings must be attended as specified there - the meetings must be attended prior to July first of the current calendar year.

b) The youth must have paid their ESQHYA membership dues no later than May 1 of the current calendar year.

c) The youth must attend both ESQHYA sponsored shows. The youth must show in at least one of these shows.

d) Qualifying shows will be as follows:

Breeders - Both Judges

*ESQHYA (1st show) - Saturday and Sunday

*ESQHYA (2nd show) - Saturday and Sunday

*These shows are DOUBLE POINTED

e) The top two youth in each of the above named classes will be offered the spots if they meet the eligibility requirements as described above. Any youth qualifying for more than one event will be given first choice of which event to enter.

f) Each team member is required to be in the team picture and march in the opening night Team Tournament ceremonies.

g) As per Ohio Quarter Horse Association rules, qualifying member must reside in New York State or a state whose border physically touches New York State.

SECTION 3: NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Immediately following the ESQHYA Summer show, the results will be forwarded to the ESQHYA point keeper who will then update the files and forward a final copy of the point standings to the AQHA Recognized Advisor who will then review with the Executive Board. A list will be prepared ordering those youth from highest to lowest in the respective events. In case of a tie, the oldest youth gets preference.

Every qualified youth will be contacted until all spots are filled. In the event a spot cannot be filled by a youth from that list, the Board will decide how to fill that opening.

SECTION 4: FUNDING PROCEDURE

ESQHYA will pay entry fees for team classes and stall rental for all Congress team members. If a team member does not stall with the team, a youth will be reimbursed to the limit of the cost of a team stall. Additionally, such costs as costumes for the Team Tournament Ceremonies and other general expenses will be covered dependent on ESQHYA financial conditions. These items will be given first priority in the funding process and will be subtracted out of the approved Congress funding before individual funding begins.

ESQHYA realizes that there are individual costs associated in sending a team to Congress, and therefore commits to review on an annual basis the feasibility of monetarily aiding its participants. ESQHYA expects the same participation as described in ARTICLE XI, SECTION 5 to apply to its Congress team members. The Youth must attend both ESQHYA sponsored shows. The youth must show in at least one of these shows. The youth or a representative must work a minimum of two hours per day at both

ESQHYA shows. The youth must attend three regularly scheduled ESQHYA meetings prior to July first during the current calendar year.

Therefore, the same Participation Chart and Calculation of Individual Team Member Funding will be used as described in Article XI: AQHYA World Show Team, Section 5: Funding Procedure.

ARTICLE XIII: YEAR END AWARDS

ESQHYA wishes to acknowledge the efforts of as many of its members as possible. Therefore, at the annual January Convention, we will hold our Year End Award Ceremony where, depending on the club's financial position, awards will be given down to six places in each event.

ESQHYA Awards will follow the same procedure (see ESQHA Awards: Horse Show Points) as our parent club ESQHA except we will double point our own youth shows in addition to the double-pointed ESQHA Spring Show for points.

A member must attend three regularly scheduled meetings of ESQHYA to qualify for year end awards prior to November 15th of the current calendar year.

A youth must show in at least two Empire State Quarter Horse Association or Empire State Quarter Horse Youth Association shows during the current calendar year.

A member or designee for that member must work a minimum of two hours at the Empire State Quarter Horse Youth Association shows. These hours may be at either show or a combination of both shows. They must be logged or approved by the appointed adult in charge of the youth schedule. These hours can be concurrent with hours worked toward qualifying for the youth world or Congress teams.

ESQHYA will also provide awards in the following categories:

Youth 14-18 Division:

Youth All Around Champion
Youth Reserve All Around Champion
English High Point
Reserve English High point
Western High Point
Reserve Western High Point

Youth 13 and Under Division:

Youth All Around Champion
Youth Reserve All Around Champion
English High Point

Reserve English High Point
Western High Point
Reserve Western High Point

Novice Youth Division:

Novice Youth All Around Champion
Novice Youth Reserve All Around Champion
Novice Youth English High Point
Novice Youth Reserve English High Point
Novice Youth Western High Point
Novice Youth Reserve Western High Point

Small Fry Division (11 and under walk/trot division):

All qualified small fry exhibitors will be recognized at the year end convention. The year end high point and reserve exhibitors will also be recognized.