

-SECTION ONE-

BY-LAWS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Article 1-NAME AND PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1. This Association shall be known as the Pennsylvania Quarter Horse Association, Incorporated, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

SECTION 2. The purpose of the Association shall be:

- a. To promote in all ways the interest of the Pennsylvania Quarter Horse breeders, owners and exhibitors; to assist in furnishing an outlet by sale and otherwise of surplus stock of members; and to do any and all things necessary to advance the prosperity of the breed.
- b. To solicit gifts, legacies and donations from any sources whatsoever, to make gifts to carry out the goals of this organization; the right to acquire, convey or encumber real estate, and to exercise all such powers and authority as may be necessary to carry out any and all of the aforesaid purposes.
- c. Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific and/or agricultural purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation, distribute the remaining assets of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, scientific and/or agricultural purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organization as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

SECTION 3. All proceeding of this Association shall be in direct accord with the policies and activities of the American Quarter Horse Association

ARTICLE II-MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

SECTION 1. Any person or entity having a sincere interest in Quarter Horses shall be eligible for membership in this Association. A life membership is not transferable, but a life membership may be carried in the joint names of husband and wife, or if the life membership carried in a single person's name, the name of a later spouse may be added by one time amendment and the successor of them (spouse's death or divorce) shall be entitled to exclusive life membership having the one time privilege to amend the membership's name to correctly reflect the successors status by filling with the Association a copy of the judicial decree, written evidence of death or written instrument of consent signed by the terminating spouse. Commercial memberships are NOT eligible for Lifetime membership.

SECTION 2. Persons eligible for membership may be admitted upon submission of application with membership fee for current year. A Family Membership can include husband, wife and all children 18 years of age or younger.

Any person 18 years of age and younger eligible under Section 1 can apply for a single membership which also includes membership to PQHYA. Payment of dues must accompany application for membership representing dues for the current year. Members 18 years of age and younger do not have voting privileges.

SECTION 3. Any member may withdraw from this Association by presenting to the Secretary-Treasurer a written statement of resignation.

SECTION 4. A member can be reprimanded, suspended, or expelled at the discretion of the Board of Directors for; (a) unsportsmanlike conduct or action detrimental to the Association; (b) knowingly and willfully misrepresenting in any essential detail an animal sold either at public or private sale or shown at any show, (c) knowingly and willfully violating the rules and regulations of this Association.

SECTION 5. When any member of this Association shall be accused of any of the violations constituting grounds for expulsion, as herein above provided, the Board of Directors shall cause a written notice to be served upon such accused member ten (10) days before the proposed hearing, stating the person, firm or corporation accusing the member, the charges and specifications against the accused, and the time and place of the hearing. The Board of Directors shall require the accuser to post a fee of \$25.00 with the Secretary-Treasurer thirty (30) days before the date of the hearing. The Board of Directors at the time and place of the hearing, shall require the accuser to offer evidence in support of the charges and specifications, and shall give equal opportunity to the accused member to offer evidence to refute such charges. When the accused and the accuser have presented evidence, the Board of Directors shall vote for or against expulsion of the accused member.

SECTION 6. Any member expelled by the American Quarter Horse Association shall be automatically expelled by this Association and shall forfeit all rights to any property of the Association.

SECTION 7. Any expelled member may be reinstated upon receiving the majority approval of the Board of Directors

SECTION 8. The annual dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors annually. Any memberships received after September 30 of the current year will be considered the membership fee for the following year.

SECTION 9. Any business, corporation, or commercial enterprise having a sincere interest in Quarter Horses, or conducting business with PQHA, PQHA members, or other Quarter horse enthusiasts shall be qualified for COMMERCIAL MEMBERSHIP in this association.

COMMERCIAL MEMBERSHIPS shall pay annual membership dues as set b the Board of Directors. The Board shall set and maintain several levels of Commercial Memberships (e.g., Basic, Gold, and Platinum). The Board shall determine, from time to time, the amount of dues and benefits available for each respective level of Commercial Membership.

Commercial Membership has no voting rights and Commercial Members are not eligible for election to office. Any individual wishing to seek election to office must maintain in good standing and individual or family membership as set forth in the bylaws.

Commercial Members must abide by all bylaws. In addition, any Commercial Member can be reprimanded, suspended or expelled at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors for any matter or conduct deemed by the Board of Directors to be in conflict with the mission, or best interested of, the PQHA.

SECTION 10. The fiscal year ends December 31.

ARTICLE III-MANAGEMENT

SECTION 1. The general management of the affairs of the association shall be vested in the Board of Directors, who shall be elected as provided in the By-Laws.

No member of the Board of Directors shall be personally liable for monetary damages for any action taken or for the failure to take any action, unless said member has breached or failed to perform the duties of his or her office as set forth in the Directos' Liability Act of 1986 (42 Pa. D.S.A. § 8361 et seq.) and such breach or failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct, or recklessness.

SECTION 2. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary-Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected and a Corresponding Secretary who shall be appointed by the President.

SECTION 3. The board of Directors shall consist of two Directors from each zone, elected by the general membership, ten Directors at Large (the immediate two Past Presidents and eight elected from general membership), the AQHA Directors, the Youth Advisor, elected by PQHYA, the Pennsylvania Amateur Quarter Horse Association (PAQHA) Representative, elected by PAQHA, and all elected officers of PQHA.

A quorum shall consist of any five of the voting members of the Board of Directors and must include either the President or the Vice President.

All present and future Past Presidents of the Association shall be and become lifetime Directors Emeritus, with the exception of the immediate two Past Presidents who will be Directors at Large with voting privileges.

SECTION 4: a. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the current PQHA Officers, the Immediate Past President, plus one annually-elected member of the current Board of

Directors and they are the only persons allowed to cast votes during the transaction of business of an Executive Committee meeting. The Corresponding Secretary shall attend all of the Executive Committee meeting for the purpose of recording the transaction of business.

b. The duties of the Executive Committee are to conduct the business of the Pennsylvania Quarter Horses Association in addition to meetings for the full Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall have full authority to make decisions of PQHA including expenditures of up to \$1,000 at each Executive Committee meeting.

c. A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee is all members being present. The meeting may be called at the discretion of the President, or as directed by the Board of Directors. The number of meetings of the Executive Committee shall not annually exceed the number of meetings of the full Board of Directors. The notice of Executive Committee meetings shall be made available to all current members of the Board of Directors. All Executive Committee meetings shall be open and available to any member of the Board of Directors, or for any person invited by the Executive Committee, for the purpose of conducting the business of PQHA.

d. All actions of the Executive Committee shall be recorded as minutes that will be published in the PQHA newsletter as directed by the Board of Directors, and be retained as a historical record of the Association.

SECTION 5. Directors shall be elected from their own zones for a term of two (2) years. Directors at Large, who have no residency requirements, shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. Election of directors for two-year terms shall include half of the directors-at-large and half of the directors by zone each year.

SECTION 5. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.

SECTION 6. The PQHA members who serve as directors of AQHA shall be Directors at Large of PQHA.

SECTION 7. Candidates for the office of AQHA Director representing Pennsylvania shall be elected at the same time and in the same manner as other candidates for office in PQHA (Article IV, Sections 2&3). AQHA reserves the final decision on

SECTION 8. All officers and directors are expected to attend all meetings. If unable to attend, they must notify the President. Officers and directors will be, at the discretion of the Board, subject to dismissal following 2 unexcused or 4 excused absences.

SECTION 9. A Correspondence Secretary shall be appointed by the President and shall keep a permanent record of all meetings of PQHA and PQHA Board of Directors, notify the members of all meetings, handle the correspondence pertaining to the Association business, and perform other duties as directed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Only members in good standing of the Association for two (2) full consecutive years are eligible for election to office in this Association, and if elected, will assume office the following (3rd) year. A family membership puts any member of that family in good standing and they are eligible to hold an office or directorship.

SECTION 2. Candidates for election to office for the succeeding year shall be selected by a nomination committee consisting of two (2) directors and three (3) members at large, all appointed by the Board. The slate recommended by this committee shall then be submitted to the Board for approval. Nominations will be accepted from any member if received in writing by the nomination committee chairman prior to October 1. These nominations will be placed on the ballot and are not subject to approval of the nominating committee or the Board.

SECTION 3. The Officers and Directors of the Association shall be elected at the annual meeting. The candidate receiving the majority votes of the members present in good standing shall be elected to the office to which h/she was nominated. Election of Officers and Directors by written ballot.

SECTION 4. An officer may succeed himself-herself for unlimited consecutive terms.

SECTION 5. Directors shall be elected from their own zones for a term of two (2) years. Directors at Large, who have no residency requirements, shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The terms of the Directors shall be staggered so that only one-half (½) of the Directors from each zone and one (1) Director-at-Large shall be elected each year.

SECTION 6. Should a vacancy occur among the Officers or Board of Directors, such vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by a member selected by the remaining Officers and members of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7. Anyone running for President or Vice-President must have served as an Officer or Director at least one year.

SECTION 8. Youth Advisor and PAQHA Representative must be current members of PQHA.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the association and the Board of Directors and shall appoint such committees as h/she or the Board of Directors shall consider expedient or necessary.

SECTION 2. The Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President in his/her absence, and in the absence of President and Vice-President, the Secretary-Treasurer shall preside and assume the duties of the President.

SECTION 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall attest all membership certificates; receive and safely keep monies, rights and property belonging to the Association; disperse funds under the direction of the Board of Directors, and render an accounting at the fall meeting.

SECTION 4. The Correspondence Secretary shall keep a permanent record of the minutes of all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors; notify the members of all meetings; handle the correspondence pertaining to the Association's business and perform other duties from time to time as the Board of Directors may direct.

SECTION 5. The duties of a Director shall include but are not limited to the following:

- a. To assist in the execution of the purpose statement of the Association (Article I)
- b. To assist in the regulation of the general membership of the association (Article II)
- c. To attend all regular meetings and give direction to the General Management of the Association (Article III)
- d. To assist in the selection of candidates and the election of Officers and Directors of the Association.
- e. To approve standing committees of the Association (Article VI)

- f. To attend the Annual Meeting of the Association and any special meetings that may be called (Article VII)
- g. To recommend amendments to the By-Laws of the Association (Article VIII)
- h. To act as representative for and between the General Membership and the Board of Directors in matters pertaining to the Association.

ARTICLE VI – Committees

- SECTION 1. The president may at any time appoint committees on any subject. Committees so appointed shall serve from the time of appointment until the specific assignment is completed unless sooner removed by the President or until the succeeding President takes office, whichever occurs first.
- SECTION 2. All standing committees of one or more persons must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- SECTION 3. A budget committee shall be appointed by the President and shall report a proposed budget for the coming year at an appropriated meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

- SECTION 1. Annual Meetings. There shall be a Fall Meeting of the Association each year following the PQHA approved show season for the election of the Board of Directors and Officers, and for receiving the annual reports of the Officers, Directors, and Committees, and for the transaction of Association business. Notice for such meeting shall be mailed at least ten (10) days and not more than forty (40) days before the time approved for the meeting. All notices of meetings shall set forth the time, place, date and purpose of the meeting.
- SECTION 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Association may be called at any time and place by the President or any four (4) members of the Board of Directors, providing the notice is given in the same manner as that provided for the Annual Meeting.
- SECTION 3. Voting. Each Family and Single Membership carries one vote. All action shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present in person. To be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting, membership dues must be received prior to October 1 of the current year.
- SECTION 4. Order of Business. Unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the members present, the order of business of the Annual Meeting and of special meetings shall be as follows:
- 1. Qualifying members present
 - 2. Call to order
 - 3. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting
 - 4. Treasurer's report
 - 5. Notices and communications
 - 6. Report of Committees
 - 7. Unfinished Business
 - 8. New Business
 - 9. Election of Directors and Officers
- SECTION 5. All matters not specifically covered in these By-Laws will be dealt with under Roberts Rules of Parliamentary Procedure.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

- SECTION 1. These By-Laws may be amended at the annual or a special meeting of the association by a majority vote of the members present at the time of the vote is taken, provided nature of the purport of the proposed amendment has been stated in the call for the meeting as provided in Article VII, Section 1.
- SECTION 2. The Board of Directors may recommend amendments of the By-Laws at any time; but such recommendations, to be valid must be set forth in a call of the special or regular meeting as above provided.
- SECTION 3. All proposed By-Law changes must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to presentation to the general membership. Any proposed changes must be submitted to the Board for its consideration at least sixty (60) days prior to presentation to the general membership.
- SECTION 4. Any proposed By-Law change approved at a meeting of the general membership, as per Article VIII, Section 1, shall be effective on January 1 of the following year.

REGULATIONS
PQHA ZONES BY COUNTIES

Western Zone

Allegheny
Armstrong
Beaver
Butler
Cambria
Clarion
Crawford
Erie
Fayette
Forest
Greene
Indiana
Jefferson
Lawrence
Mercer
Somerset
Venango
Warren
Washington
Westmoreland

Central Zone

Adams
Bedford
Blair
Cameron
Centre
Clearfield
Clinton
Cumberland
Dauphin
Elk
Franklin
Fulton
Huntingdon
Juniata
Lycoming
McKean
Mifflin
Montour
Northumberland
Perry
Potter
Snyder
Union
York
Tioga

Eastern Zone

Berk
Bradford
Bucks
Carbon
Chester
Columbia
Delaware
Lackawanna
Lancaster
Lebanon
Lehigh
Luzerne
Monroe
Montgomery
Northampton
Philadelphia
Pike
Schuylkill
Sullivan
Susquehanna
Wayne
Wyoming

SECTION TWO-

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF

PENNSYLVANIA QUARTER HORSE
YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.

A DIVISION OF PQHA, INC.

ARTICLE 1.

The name of the organization shall be the Pennsylvania Quarter Horse Youth Association, hereafter referred to as the PQHYA. This organization shall be governed by the Pennsylvania Quarter Horse Association as well as the following.

ARTICLE II.

This Association shall have as its principal objectives:

- 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 the care and handling of horses and the participation in the above.
- SECTION 5. To acquaint youth members with the parent organization, PQHA, its structure and functions
- SECTION 6. To acquaint youth members with AQHA and AQHYA, its structure and functions.

ARTICLE III

Any single youth who, on January first of the current year, is 18 years of age or under, provided that he or she is a member of the PQHA through Single or Family membership, is eligible for membership in the PQHYA. Dues shall be annually due January first of each year. Members may pay dues at any time during said year, membership to start with date of postmark or, if illegible, 3 days prior to receipt of membership by Membership Chairperson. To be eligible for year-end awards, AQHYA World Show and Congress Teams, nomination form and fee for each horse and rider combination must be received by Points Chairperson.

ARTICLE IV.

- SECTION 1. This association shall be under the direction and guidance of the PQHA Board of Directors. Prior to their annual meeting, the PQHYA board will submit at the most five (5) names to the PQHA Board as potential youth advisors. If the PQHA Board has any concerns with any of the nominees, a meeting of the PQHA and the PQHYA Boards will be scheduled to discuss said concerns. At said meeting the PQHYA Board will decide if the nominee should be removed from the ballot. At the annual meeting of the PQHYA, the membership will vote for the Youth Advisor for the upcoming year.
- SECTION 2. There shall be four Directors, one from the western zone, one from the central zone, one from the eastern zone and one Director –at-Large, plus four Officers elected by the youth membership which will make up the Board of Directors of the PQHYA. If there is not individual who will accept a Directorship for a particular zone, and an additional Director-at-Large may be elected. The additional Director-at-Large would have as prime

responsibility the zone with no representation. The additional Director-at-Large may not be from the same zone as the other Director-at-Large.

SECTION 3. The four Directors and four Officers will be elected at the annual meeting. Their term of office will be for one year. All Directors or Officers may be re-elected for an indefinite number of terms. The PQHYA President and Vice-President will not be permitted to hold office, other than Director, in any other Quarter Horse Association within or partially within the state of Pennsylvania, however, the other Officers and Directors may have this privilege.

SECTION 4. Each Past President of the PQHYA shall automatically become a member of the Board of Directors for the period of time during which he or she is a member of PQHYA.

ARTICLE V.

Charter members shall be all those members paid up by December 31, 1969.

ARTICLE VI.

Officers elected shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION 1. Duties of the President shall be as follows: Preside over all meetings of this Association, with only the President having the power to call a meeting which is to be considered official. The President shall appoint any committees which shall be deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the Association, with each committee sending a detailed report of any meetings and activities to the President and Youth Advisor.

SECTION 2. Duties of the Vice-President shall be to assist the President and act for the President when he or she is absent or as directed by the President and/or Youth Advisor.

SECTION 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep minutes of all meeting. The Secretary shall keep an up-to-date roster of the Association's members. He or she shall furnish the President of the PQHA and PQHYA, the advisors, and the newsletter editor each with the copy of the minutes from each meeting. He or she will also send out any correspondence or notices required. The Secretary will present a year-end compilation of all meeting minutes at the annual organization meeting for state of record.

SECTION 4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to keep the PQHYA financial records under the guidance of the PQHA Board of Directors and/or their appointees, and shall send a monthly financial statement to the President of the PQHYA and the Board of Directors of PQHA and/or its appointees. At the end of each calendar year an outside audit must be performed on the organization's books and financial records.

SECTION 5. The Sentinel/Reporter will be responsible for compiling an annual scrapbook of PQHYA making a permanent record of activities, events and gatherings as prescribed by the PQHYA Executive Committee. The Sentinel/Reporter may also be required to fulfill certain duties from time to time as prescribed by the President.

SECTION 6. Directors: Shall exercise equal voting privileges with the Officers in Managing the business and property of the PQHYA. If an office holder or member of the Board of Directors misses three (3) meetings in succession, that office holder or member of the Board of Directors will automatically be removed from the position, unless, in the case of an emergency, an exception is made with the approval of the Youth Advisory Committee; Committee to be made up of an adult youth advisor, the PQHYA President, and three other officers or members of the PQHYA Board of Directors. If a Director is dismissed, the President shall appoint someone to complete the remainder of the unexpired term.

SECTION 7. Each Officer and Director will assume responsibility as Chairperson of at least one PQHYA Committee. Choice of Committee will be given to each Officer and Director. In the event there is not a volunteer for a Committee, the President and/or Youth Advisor will appoint an Officer or Director as Chairperson of said Committee

ARTICLE VII

There shall be a minimum of four Directors' meetings per year, with each Director and Officer receiving a written notification of each meeting at least two weeks ahead of time. The two-week written notice will be sent to each Board Member and Advisor for, every meeting legally called by the President with a mandatory R.S.V.P. to the President within one week. (Failure to reply would be considered consent for the meeting and lack of interest on the part of the member.) If, according to replies received, a majority is unable to attend the meeting, the meeting would be canceled by the President and all members of the Board and the Advisors notified. If a majority is able to attend, the meeting will go on as scheduled and regardless of the number of members actually in attendance, the meeting will be legal. The Annual meeting in conjunction with the awards banquet shall be for the election of officers, review of the year, and planning of the upcoming year's activities and events. Only paid-up members will be permitted to participate in the election of officers and directors and vote on necessary Association business matters, however, all members or prospective members are invited to attend and participate in discussion.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Annual Awards presentation and the Annual Meeting will be on the same dates as those of the PQHA.

ARTICLE IX.

The Board of Directors of the PQHA shall retain the right to suspend any PQHYA member. Such suspension will follow procedures detailed in PQHA By-Laws, Article II, SECTIONS 4 and 5.

ARTICLE X.

The PQHYA and/or the PQHA being a non-profit organization, shall not be responsible for loss due to accident, theft, or otherwise, sustained by any member, visitor or guest.

ARTICLE XI.

This constitution and By-Laws when approved by the Advisors and Board of Directors of both PQHA and PQHYA, shall stand until the annual organizational meeting and shall be amended thereafter as follows:

SECTION 1. Any proposed change in the PQHYA Constitution and By-Laws by the Board of Directors of the PQHYA must be submitted to the PQHA Board of Directors before it may be submitted to the PQHYA general membership at its annual organization meeting. If the PQHA Board of Directors disapproves of the proposed change, the PQHYA Board of Directors will meet with the PQHA Board of Directors to discuss their concern. The PQHYA Board of Directors will then decide if the proposal should be changed, in which case the proposal shall be resubmitted to the PQHA Board of Directors in its new form.

SECTION 2. After submission to the PQHA Board of Directors, written notice showing the present By-Laws and then the proposed change, must be mailed to each PQHYA member at least two weeks prior to the annual organization meeting.

SECTION 3. If the PQHA Board of Directors did approve of the proposed change, then consent for the change must pass by a margin of 51% of the members present. If the Board of Directors did not approve of the proposed change, then consent for the change must pass by a margin of 75% of the total PQHYA membership. Vote for the change, if a 75% vote is required, shall be conducted as a phone survey or other means in which a full and

complete response may be obtained. A vote by mail may not be taken, as the response will not be 100%.

ARTICLE XII. ANNUAL AWARDS

- SECTION 1. Points will be awarded only to members of the PQHYA competing in Youth Activity events at shows having both AQHA and PQHA approval.
- SECTION 2. Points awarded to members to count only after current year's dues have been received by the membership chairman and following receipt of the nomination fee and form for each horse and rider combination by the point's chairman. Nominations must be postmarked prior to the date of a show which is to be tabulated. Nominations postmarked on the date of a particular show will not include that show, but all subsequent shows will be counted.
- SECTION 3. The point system for annual awards will be the same point systems as is used by the PQHA with the exception that points will be based on horse and rider rather than on the horse.
- SECTION 4. In the event of a tie in the final total point accumulation for any placing, the following method will be used to break the tie:
a. Youth and horse beating the highest number of horses in the tied event.
- SECTION 5. Ownership of the horse exhibited by the PQHYA member is to be as required in the current edition of the official handbook of the AQHA.
- SECTION 6. A contestant may exhibit more than one horse; however, the points earned by the Youth with each horse will be compiled separately.
- SECTION 7. The following awards will be presented according to the final tabulation of points during the current year at PQHYA approved shows. Showmanship, Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Under Saddle, and Western Pleasure will be divided into two divisions: 13 and under and 14 through 18. First through 6th place must have a minimum of 10 points to receive an award.

HALTER
Champion
Reserve Champion

PERFORMANCE
Champion
Reserve Champion

ALL-AROUND
13 and under Champion
13 and under Reserve Champion
14 through 18 Champion
14 through 18 Reserve Champion

ALL-AROUND ALL AROUND
(Combined 13 & Under, 14-18
Champion
Reserved Champion

- SECTION 9. A trophy will be awarded to the member of the Congress NYATT Team who accumulated the most points in the Team Tournament at Congress. This trophy shall be known as the Congress Youth Team Tournament Perpetual Trophy. If no points are

accumulated by any member of the team, the trophy will be given to the member of the Congress NYATT Team who has placed the highest in the open youth classes at the Congress. If no Congress NYATT Team member places at the Congress, then the trophy shall be awarded to the PQHYA member with the highest placing at the Congress, the trophy will be returned every year and awarded to the deserving individual at the PQHA/PQHYA awards banquet.

A trophy will be awarded to the PQHYA member placing highest in AQHA's high-point in the nation's standings in the current year. This trophy shall be known as the Grant Ketcham Hi-Point Perpetual Trophy. The trophy will be returned every year and awarded to the deserving individual at the PQHA/PQHYA awards banquet.

A trophy will be awarded to any person (s) the youth members feel has gone above and beyond the call of duty for the youth and their organization. The person (s) either youth or adult, will be awarded this perpetual trophy known as The PQHYA #1 Fan Award at our annual banquet. The youth must keep in mind the person (s) receiving this award is to have shown the most support to the youth organization, good sportsmanship and selfless dedication.

- SECTION 10. Points from shows not on a National, Christian or Jewish holiday taking place from September 1st to June 1st inclusive on a day other than Saturday or Sunday will not count for year-end awards, Congress NYATT Team, or AQHYA World Show selection. Any other exceptions pertaining to qualifying shows for the AQHYA World Show Team must be approved by PQHYA at their annual meeting.

ARTICLE XIII. CONGRESS NYATT TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

- SECTION 1. The PQHYA member scoring the highest number of PQHA points, from any PQHA and AQHA approved show within Pennsylvania during the time period of May 1st to the last day of the PQHYA Youth Show of the current year, in each class sponsored by the All-American Quarter Horse Congress, will be selected to represent the PQHA as a member of the Congress NYATT Team. If two or more entries are permitted in each class, the next highest scoring PQHYA member will be selected. A youth may participate in one class he or she chooses in which they have qualified highest. In the event no one else is willing or available to show the offered classes, the option will then be given to the highest qualifying youth in that class and offered on down the ranks until the position is filled. The selection of the class in which he or she will compete is the decision of the qualifying youth.
- SECTION 2. Points awarded to member to count only after current years PQHYA dues have been received by the membership chairman and following receipt of the nomination fee and form for each horse and rider combination by the point's chairman. Nominations must be postmarked prior to the date of a show which is to be tabulated. Nominations postmarked on the date of a particular show will not include that show, but all subsequent shows will be counted. Only points from Youth Activity classes will be counted during the selection process. Novice Youth points are not included in this tabulation.
- SECTION 3. If a tie in points should occur as to affect the selection of a team candidate, the tie would be broken by the highest number of 1st places, 2nd places, etc., in the tied event.
- SECTION 4. Team Standings and year standing will be published in the newsletter and on the official PQHA website.
- SECTION 5. Ownership will be the same specified in Article XII, Section 6 of the PQHYA Constitution and By-Laws.

- SECTION 6. A Contestant may exhibit more than one horse; however, the points earned by the youth with each horse will be compiled separately.
- SECTION 7. Once a youth has earned the right to represent the PQHA at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress, he may substitute another horse, providing he meets the Congress eligibility requirements.
- SECTION 8. Any class offered in a team tournament which has not been held during the specified time period for selection of the Pennsylvania team shall be represented by a qualified PQHYA member. This youth shall be selected by the adult youth advisor and PQHYA officers and directors.
- SECTION 9. If the Pennsylvania Team holds a group of stalls designated as team stalls at the Congress, team members must be available and help to clean up and decorate stalls prior to the day of the team tournament. Each team member will be responsible for the appearance of the stall they are using. In case of an emergency, exceptions may be made with the approval of the Youth Advisor. In the event that PQHYA refunds the cost of the stalls, if an individual does not comply with the guidelines, then the individual will not receive a refund, or will be required to reimburse the Association if said refund was previously made.
- SECTION 10. All team members must participate in the team parade during the NYATT Award Ceremonies. In case of an emergency, exception may be made with approval of the Youth Advisor.
- SECTION 11. Failure to abide by the rules of PQHA and PQHYA will result in the loss of team membership status and will further result in forfeiture of all team benefits and incentives as well as exclusion from the next year's selection process.
- SECTION 12. Requirements for eligibility:
1. Attend at least three (3) PQHYA meetings. The December general membership meeting of the previous year will count as a meeting. A youth must have attended at least two meeting by May 31st of the current year.
 2. A letter of intent must be received by the Youth Advisor on or before March 1st of the current year.
 3. There will be at least three (3) work days set up for different project throughout the year. A youth must attend and give full participation to at least one project date in addition to the PQHYA sponsored show. The number of hours necessary will be determined by the Youth Advisor and the PQHYA Board of Directors. If a youth is unable to work on any project date, he or she may designate someone to work for them with the approval of the Youth Advisor well in advance in order to make an alternative plan to fulfill this requirement.
 4. A youth must turn in, a minimum of \$150.00 in sponsorship monies by June 1st of the current year.
 5. A youth must participate in at least one fund raising event in addition to the AQHYA Ford Truck Ticket Raffle.
 6. In the event that a Congress NYATT Team member fails to complete his or her obligation to the team (failure to show), without a vet certificate or and emergency acceptable to the Youth Advisor, that team member will forfeit eligibility to participate on the following year's AQHYA World Show Team as a "State" qualifier, and current year's Congress NYATT Team. He or she will also forfeit all rights to receive any year-end awards for that year.
 7. If a Youth is a member of both the Congress NYATT Team and AQHYA World Team requirements 4 and 5 will not be doubled.

8. All Requirements must be met by the deadlines as set forth at the annual organizational meeting and subsequent mailing of the annual Youth Informational Packet.

ARTICLE XIV. AQHYA WORLD SHOW TEAM SELECTION

- SECTION 1. Any youth wishing to show at the AQHYA Finals must have paid their dues to the AQHYA prior to May 31st of the current year.
- SECTION 2. Points awarded to members to count only after current years PQHYA dues have been received by the PQHA membership chairman and following receipt of the nomination fee and form for each horse and rider combination by the point chairman. Nominations must be postmarked prior to the date of a show which is to be tabulated. Nominations postmarked on the date of a particular show will not include that show, but all subsequent shows will be counted. Only points from Youth Activity classes will be counted during the selection process. Novice Youth points are not included in this tabulation.
- SECTION 3. PQHYA will ask PQHA, KQHA, TSQHA and WPQHA to select a two (2) day show as a qualifying show. PQHA and KQHA shall pick their shows from the shows to be held in the eastern half of Pennsylvania, being the counties of Tioga, Lycoming, Clinton, Centre, Huntingdon, Fulton, and all counties to the east of these. TSQHA and WPQHA shall pick their shows from those to be held in the western half of Pennsylvania, being the counties of Potter, Cameron, Clearfield, Cambria, Blair, Bedford, and all counties to the west of these. The show needs to be held by May 31st of the current year. If the above associations (s) do not submit a weekend show by January 31st, PQHYA will designate the qualifying show for that group and area. Qualifying period will be from June 1 of the current year through May 31 of the following year.
- “STATE” team members to represent PQHYA at the AQHYA World Show will be determined by their top six (6) placings from these eight (8) qualifying shows from and including June 1 of the current year thru May 31st of the following year, in each class, regardless of age, offered by the AQHYA. The member scoring the highest number of PQHA points will be selected to represent the PQHYA at the AQHYA World Show. If two or more entries are permitted in each class, the next highest scoring PQHYA member will be selected. A youth may participate in no more than two classes, the selection of the two classes in which he or she will compete is the decision of the qualifying youth, and said youth will have the option of which he or she has qualified, with the exception of halter classes, which have no maximum number of entries, and classes shown as an all-age group. ***If the number of classes in which a youth may be permitted to participate changes due to the reorganization outlined by AQHYA in the near future, the Youth Advisor will then offer any permitted additional classes to qualifying youth members.
- SECTION 4. If a tie in points should occur as to affect the selection of a team candidate, the tie would be broken by the highest number of 1st places, 2nd places, etc in the tied event.
- SECTION 5. A contestant may exhibit more than one horse; however, the points earned by the youth with each horse will be compiled separately.
- SECTION 6. Any class offered at the AQHYA Finals which has not been held during the specified time period for selection of the Pennsylvania team shall be represented by a qualified PQHYA member. This youth shall be selected by an adult youth advisor and the PQHAY officers and directors.

- SECTION 7. Ownership of the horse exhibited by the PQHYA member is to be as required in the current edition of the official handbook of the AQHA.
- SECTION 8. Failure to abide by the rules of the PQHYA will result in the loss of team membership status and will further result in forfeiture of all team benefits and incentives as well as exclusion from the next year's selection process.
- SECTION 9. In the event that an AQHYA World Show Team member fails to complete his or her obligation to the team (failure to show) without a vet certificate or an emergency acceptable to the Youth Advisor, the team member will forfeit eligibility to participate on the following year's AQHYA World Show Team. In classes where a youth was asked to participate in a class not offered in Pennsylvania during qualifying, the youth may not be penalized for not showing in said class providing that no other youth expressed an interest in that class prior to team selection.
- SECTION 10. Requirements for Eligibility:
1. Attend at least three (3) PQHYA meetings by the designated dates set for the PQHYA youth show. The December general membership meeting of the previous year will count as a meeting. A youth should attend at least two (2) meeting by May 31st of the current year.
 2. A letter of intent must be received by the Youth Advisor on or before March 1st of the current year.
 3. There will be work days set up for different projects throughout the year. A youth member must attend and give full participation to at least one project date in addition to the PQHYA sponsored show. The number of hours necessary will be determined by the Youth Advisor and the PQHYA Board of Directors. If a youth is unable to work on any project date, he or she may designate someone to work for them with the approval of the Youth Advisor. Any conflicts on a project date must be made known to the Youth Advisor well in advance in order to make an alternate plan to fulfill this requirement.
 4. A youth must turn in, a minimum of \$150.00 in sponsorship monies by June 1st of the current year
 5. A youth must participate in at least one fund raising event in addition to the AQHYA Ford Truck Ticket raffle.
 6. If a youth is a member of both the Congress NYATT Team and the AQHYA World Team requirements 4 and 5 will not be doubled.
 7. Participation in the Parade of States is required unless an emergency acceptable to the Youth Advisor is approved.
 8. All requirements must be met by the deadline as set forth at the annual organizational meeting and subsequent mailing of the annual Youth Informational Packet.
- SECTION 11. Requirement for Benefit/Incentive:
1. National qualifiers can be eligible for team benefit/incentive providing they have met the above eligibility requirements. A national qualifier may "buy-in" on any benefit/incentive offered if they have not met eligibility requirements. Cost of "buy-in" will be determined by the PQHYA Board of Directors and the Youth Advisor and offered to all National qualifiers.
 2. A "STATE" qualifier will be eligible for benefit/incentives providing they have fulfilled their obligations (shown in class). If obligation has not been met, then reimbursement shall be withheld. If benefit/incentive has already been issued, then qualifier will be required to return/reimburse all said benefit/incentive.

ARTICLE XX. PQHYA HORSE JUDGING TEAM SELECTION

- SECTION 1. Any youth wishing to compete at the AQHYA World Show and/or the All-American Quarter Horse Congress must have paid their dues prior to May 31st of the current year.
- SECTION 2. Selection will be made by the PQHYA appointed Coach is a series of “try-outs”. Appointed Coach has full authority to choose qualified team members.
- SECTION 3. If the guidelines of the AQHYA World Show and the All-American Quarter Horse Congress allow participation of team members in any ceremonies, it will be required that Each team member participate as directed and share in the benefits and incentives as outlined for performance team members. Any exceptions must have prior approval by the Youth Advisor or Coach.
- SECTION 4. In the event that a team member fails to complete his/her obligations to the team, without acceptable approval, that team member will forfeit eligibility to participate on the next year’s team. All benefit/incentive will be withheld or returned to the Association by the team member.
- SECTION 5. Requirements for Eligibility:
1. Attend at least (2) PQHYA meetings. The December general membership meeting of the previous year will count as a meeting. A youth must have attended at least one meeting by May 31st of the current year.
 2. A letter of intent must be received by the Youth Advisor on or before March 1st of the current year.
 3. There will be work days set up for different projects throughout the year. A youth member must attend and give full participation to at least one project date in addition to the PQHYA sponsored show. The number of hours necessary will be determined by the Youth Advisor and the PQHYA Board of Directors. If a youth is unable to work on any project date, he or she may designate someone to work for them with the approval of the Youth Advisor. Any conflicts on a project date must be made known to the Youth Advisor well in advance in order to make an alternate plan to fulfill this requirement.
 4. A youth must turn in, a minimum of \$150.00 in sponsorship monies by June 1st of the current year
 5. A youth must participate in at least one fund raising event in addition to the AQHYA Ford Truck Ticket raffle.
 6. If a youth is a member of both the Congress NYATT Team and the AQHYA World Team requirements 4 and 5 will not be doubled..
 7. All requirements must be met by the deadline as set forth at the annual organizational meeting and subsequent mailing of the annual Youth Informational Packet.

SECTION THREE

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF PENNSYLVANIA AMATEUR QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

A DIVISION OF PQHA, INC.

ARTICLE I.

The name of the organization shall be the Pennsylvania Amateur Quarter Horse Association, hereafter referred to as the PAQHA. This organization shall be governed by the BY-Laws of the Pennsylvania Quarter Horse Association (PQHA) as well as the following.

ARTICLE II.

The Association shall have as its principal objectives:

- SECTION 1. To serve as a voice to the American Quarter Horse Association regarding issues concerning Amateurs in Pennsylvania.
- SECTION 2. To offer a statewide forum, for amateur and Non-Professional concerns.
- SECTION 3. To promote education for Amateurs and Non-Professionals so as to advance their skill in horsemanship.
- SECTION 4. To promote Amateur, Novice Amateur and Non-Professional activities throughout Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE III.

Membership is open to any person over 18 years of age who is currently an Amateur and/or Non-Professional. There will be annual dues. To have full voting privileges in PAQHA, amateur and/or Non-Professional must also be a recognized member of any other Quarter Horse Association in Pennsylvania (specifically PQHA, KQHA, WPQHA or TSQHA).

ARTICLE IV.

- SECTION 1. PAQHA is sanctioned by PQHA. PAQHA shall select a representative to serve on the PQHA Board of Directors with full voting privileges. This individual must be a current member of PQHA if good standing.
- SECTION 2. There shall be two directors with voting privileges and one alternate without from the East, West, and Central zones, and one Director-at-Large, plus four (4) officers elected by the membership which will make up the Board of Directors of the PAQHA. Directors shall be elected for two year terms. The terms of the Directors shall be staggered so that ½ of the Directors from each zone shall be elected each year. The Alternate Directors and Director-at-Large will be elected for one-year terms.
- SECTION 3. The Directors and Officers will be elected at the Annual Fall Meeting. Officer's term of office will be for one year. All Directors or Officers may be re-elected for an indefinite number of terms.
- SECTION 4. Each Past President of the PAQHA will automatically become a member of the Board of Directors for a two-year period with full voting privileges.

ARTICLE V.

Charter members will be those members paid up by December 31, 1993.

ARTICLE VI.

Officers elected shall be as follow: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

- SECTION 1. Duties of the President shall be as follows: Preside over all meetings of the Association, with only the President having the power to call a meeting which is to be considered official. The {President shall appoint any committees which are deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the Association with each committee sending a detailed report of their meeting to the President.
- SECTION 2. Duties of the Vice President shall be to assist the President and act for the President when he/she is absent.

- SECTION 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep minutes of all meetings. He or she shall furnish the President of the PAQHA and PQHA the Directors and Alternates of PAQHA and the newsletter editor each with a copy of the minutes from each meeting. He or she will also send out any correspondence or notices required.
- SECTION 4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to collect dues, keep the roster of the Association's membership and send an up-to-date membership list to the Secretary and President. The treasurer shall also keep the PAQHA financial records and send quarterly financial statements to the President of AQHA. At the end of each calendar year and outside audit must be performed on the organization's books and financial records.
- SECTION 5. Directors shall exercise equal voting privileges with the Officers in managing the business and property of PAQHA.

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 1. There shall be a minimum of two Directors meeting per year, with each Director and Officer receiving written notification of each meeting at least two weeks prior to the meeting. The two-week written notice will be sent to each Board member for every meeting legally called by the President with a mandatory R.S.V.P. to the President within one week. If according to replies received, a majority is able to attend, the meeting will go on as scheduled and regardless of the number of members actually in attendance, the meeting will be legal.

SECTION 2. ARTICLE VII.

The PAQHA and/or PQHA being a non-profit organization shall not be responsible for loss due to accident, theft, or other wise sustained by a member, visitor or guest.

ARTICLE IX.

SECTION 1. Any proposed change in the PAQHA Constitution and By-Laws must be approved by the PAQHA Board of Directors prior to the Annual Membership Meeting.

SECTION 2. After meeting with approval of the PAQHA Board of Directors, written notice showing the present By-Laws and then the proposed change, must be mailed to each PAQHA member at least two weeks prior to the Annual Membership Meeting where consent for the change must pass by a margin of 51% of the members present.

SECTION FOUR PQHA & PQHYA Programs & Activities

(For Information only)
(NOT PART OF BY-LAWS)

NEWSLETTER

A monthly newsletter is published to disseminate information to the membership and help facilitate the sale and development of the Quarter Horse in Pennsylvania. Contact the Newsletter Editor for rates and information.

OPEN SHOW AWARDS

The purpose of this program is to recognize Quarter Horse Owners who exhibit their Quarter Horse's in competition with other breeds outside of Quarter Horse shows within Pennsylvania.

PQHA FUTURITIES & MATURITIES

PQHA Halter, Performance Futurities and Maturities are held each year in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Classic Show. Owners and exhibitors must be current members of PQHA. Complete rules and class information for all Futurities and Maturities are included on the form for each class provided in several months' newsletters and/or available from the Futurity Chairperson.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The purpose of the Quality Improvement Program (QIP) is to breed better Quarter Horses, encourage the growth of the PQHA and the PQHA Futurities, and provide promotion for member stallions, PQHA member stallion owners donate stallion services to the PQHA, PHQA then sells these services on first come first served basis to PQHA members for one-half the stallion owner's advertised fee plus a \$10 entry fee. The sale begins at a specified time on an advertised date in January and continues throughout the breeding season or until all donated services have been sold. Special Closed Futurities are held each year for QIP participants only. Contact the QIP Chairperson for additional information.

THE PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIC

The Pennsylvania Classic Horse Show is presented annually by PQHA.

PQHA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarships are offered through PQHA to qualified PQHYA members. This program is supported by donations. Contact the scholarship chairperson for additional information.

DISTANCE TRAIL PROGRAM

In order to promote the use of Quarter Horses and recognize their accomplishment in Distance Trail Riding, the PQHA sponsors annual awards for horses owned by members and nominated in the regular annual awards program. PQHA will provide a bread trophy upon request for any Pennsylvania sanctioned ride.

4-H SUPPORT

PQHA sponsors a trophy for the Western Pleasure Class and provides awards for the winners of the Quarter Horse Production Classes at the State 4-H Show each year.

RIDING RECOGNITION PROGRAM

PQHA sponsors a program to recognize individuals for hours accrued riding and/or driving American Quarter Horses. Annual awards are presented for the greatest number of hours during the current year as well as awards for on-going achievement levels. Contact current chairperson for details.

PQHYA ACTIVITES

AQHYA YOUTH EXCELLENCE SEMINAR AND CONVENTION

Each year, the AQHYA sponsors a youth leadership program in conjunction with their annual youth convention. PQHYA may send up to four (4) delegates with voting privileges for the convention, however

there is no maximum number of attendees that may attend. PQHYA Officers and Directors have first option to apply as delegates. Contact the Youth Advisor for further information

PQHVA HORSE JUDGING TEAM

PQHVA will sponsor a Horse Judging Team to compete at both the AQHYA World Show and the All-American Quarter Horse Congress. Candidates will compete for a position on the team under the direction of an appointed Coach. Contact the Youth Advisor for more information.

YOUTH TEAMS

Teams of PQHYA members compete at the AQHYA World Championship Show and the All-American Quarter Horse Congress. Specific rules are in the PQHYA By-Laws. Contact Youth Advisors for further information.

PENN STATE CLINICS

Each year PQHYA and PQHA sponsor with Penn State Cooperative Extension, educational Clinics for Horse enthusiasts throughout the state. Top professionals from across the country are brought in to conduct these clinics.

PQHVA SHOWS

A 4-day Quarter Horse show circuit is sponsored each year by the PQHYA and PQHA

SECTION FIVE PQHA & PQHYA Annual Points and Awards System

(For Information only)

NOT PART OF BY-LAWS

The Pennsylvania Quarter Horse Association (PQHA) presents awards to the horses owned by PQHA members which earn the most points in halter and performance classes according to the PQHA Annual Awards System. Awards will be given to first through fifth places in all classes, provided all requirements have been met.

Points/Award Eligibility, Rules, and Procedures:

- An exhibitor in the Amateur, Novice Amateur, Amateur Select, Novice Youth or Youth Division must be a member of the PQHA. The owner of the horse in the Open Division must be a member of the PQHA.
- Youth exhibitors must belong to both the PQHA and the PQHYA.
- Small Fry (walk/trot) and Leadline exhibitors must be members of the PQHA
- A nomination form must be completed for each horse in the Open Division and each horse/exhibitor combination in the Amateur, Novice Amateur, Amateur Select, Novice Youth or Youth Divisions. In the Small Fry and Leadline divisions, nomination forms must be completed for each exhibitor. Fees to be set each year by the PQHA Board of Directors.
- Points will be awarded only to members of the PQHA or the PQHYA competing in events at shows having both AQHA and PQHA approval.
- Points awarded to members to count only after current year's dues have been received by the membership chairman and following receipt of the nomination fee and form by the point's chairman. Nominations must be postmarked prior to the date of a show which is to be tabulated.

Nominations postmarked on the date of a particular show will not include that show, but all subsequent shows will be counted.

- Points from shows not on a National, Christian or Jewish holiday taking place from September 1st to June 1st inclusive on a day other than Saturday or Sunday will not count for YOUTH year-end awards, Congress Team, or AQHYA World Show selection with the exception of the Friday show held during the PQHA Classic should it be held over the Labor Day holiday. Points for all days of the PQHA Classic show will count for year-end points.
- Accumulation of Points will be based on the following:
 - AQHA Open Classes – points are accumulated on the Horse regardless of the exhibitor
 - Amateur, Novice Amateur, Amateur Select, Novice Youth, and Youth - points are accumulated on the horse/rider combination
 - Small Fry (walk/trot) and Leadline – points are accumulated on the exhibitor regardless of the horse.
- In order to receive a PQHA award in any class, the horse or exhibitor must have at least 15 points (PQHA) in the class. The minimum point requirement will be waived for the leadline class.
- In the event of a tie in the final total point accumulation for any placing, the tie will be broken by the exhibitor or horse earning the highest number of first place awards in the tied event. The subsequent tie breakers (if needed) will be the highest number of second place awards, third place awards, fourth place, etc.
- Awards will be presented to qualifying members in all classes that are offered at PQHA approved pointed shows.
- All Around Champions and Reserve Champions will be determined in the following categories:
 - AQHA Open
 - Amateur
 - Youth 13 & Under
 - Youth 14 – 18
- High Point Champions and Reserve Champions will be determined in the following categories
 - Amateur Select
 - Novice Amateur
 - Novice Youth
 - Small Fry
- All fees will be set annually by the PQHA Board of Directors and will be noted on the nomination form.

Accumulation of Points for Year-End Awards

- Points earned for year-end awards will be based on the highest 30 placings to count for year-end awards. Exhibitors may participate in any or all of the PQHA approved shows; the highest point placings for one class may be different shows than the highest placings in another class, if an exhibitor has points from more than 30 shows. Note: A second place out of 5 (4 PQHA points) is a higher number of points than a first out of 3 (3 PQHA points).
- Points awarded to a horse will count only during time of owner's membership in PQHA, and only after nomination fee is received by the points chairman. Transfer of ownership will not affect accumulated points of same horse in the AQHA open division, provided new owner is a PQHA member and point chairman is notified of the transfer. Points are accumulated on the horse (regardless of exhibitor) in AQHA open registered classes; on the exhibitor (regardless of horse) in the Leadline and Walk-Trot (Small Fry) classes; and on a horse and rider combination for all other classes. In order to receive a PQHA award in any class, the horse or exhibitor must have at least 15 points (PQHA) in the class. The minimum point requirement will be waived for the leadline class. Awards will be presented to the top five horses or exhibitors in each AQHA approved class, provided there are five horses qualified.

Points will be awarded as follows:

# of entries	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
9 (or more)	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
6	6	5	4	3	2	1			
5	5	4	3	2	1				
4	4	3	2	1					
3	3	2	1						
2	2	1							
1	1								

- NOTE: To be eligible for year-end awards, the exhibitor must show at least one day of a PQHA sponsored Quarter Horse Show (The exact dates of these shows will be determined by the PQHA Board of Directors each year). Exhibitors showing in classes offered at approved shows, but not offered at a PQHA sponsored Quarter Horse Show must still show at least one day at a PQHA sponsored show in order to receive awards in classes that are offered at approved shows. All classes offered at approved shows will be pointed by PQHA even though those classes are not held at a PQHA sponsored horse show.
- In the HALTER Division, there will be a Grand and Reserve Champion award in each sex division. Each show Halter Champion will receive 1 point more than any other horse in the sex division at that show, and each Reserve Champion will receive at least as many points as any horse in the sex division at that show. These additional points will be added to the class points (maximum of 10 points will be earned by Grand Champion on one class at one show).
- In order to be eligible for PQHA All-Around Awards (All-Around Horse, Youth, Amateur), an entry must have earned points in at least three categories as outlined by AQHA.
- High-Point Novice Youth, Novice Amateur Awards, and Amateur Select are based on cumulative points for each nominated horse in each class. Two places will be awarded.
- In the event of a tie in the final points for All Around or High Point Awards, the tie will be broken by the exhibitor or horse earning the highest number of first place awards. The subsequent tie breakers (if needed) will be the highest number of second place awards, third place awards, fourth place, etc.
- Exhibitors must submit a nomination request and pay an additional nomination fee to be eligible for year end All-Around and year end High Point Awards.
- The Small Fry (Walk-Trot) classes will be open to any child 11 years or under riding a registered Quarter Horse mare or gelding, English or Western. Leadline age will be 6 and under. These exhibitors are not eligible to compete in any other registered class or youth activity riding event
- In calculating the Amateur Select high point award, the following guidelines will be followed:

Amateur Select Members – additional rules and guidelines

- The following guidelines will apply to Amateur Select exhibitors who wish to nominate for **Amateur Select points ONLY.**

- For any SELECT class entered – the Select Amateur will receive points in the Amateur Select Division.
 - If the Amateur Select class is held, the exhibitor MUST show in the select class in order to earn award points.
 - In the event of a combined Amateur and Amateur Select class, the Amateur Select exhibitor will receive points in the PQHA Amateur Select division based on the TOTAL number of entries in the combined class.
 - All points earned and posted to the Amateur Select Division will count toward the Amateur Select High Point category – provided the exhibitor has nominated and paid all appropriate fees.
 - Any classes that are not listed on the showbill as “Select” will NOT be eligible for points in the Amateur Select Division (i.e. Halter, Western Riding, Hunter Hack, etc.)
- The following guidelines will apply to Amateur Select exhibitors who wish to nominate for **BOTH Amateur AND Amateur Select points.**
 - For all classes listed on the showbill as "Select" the exhibitor will receive points in the Select Division when they show in the Select Class.
 - In the event the Select and Amateur classes are combined, then the exhibitor would get the points posted to the SELECT division (based on total number of entries in the class).
 - In the event the classes were NOT combined and an exhibitor elects to show in the Amateur class, then the points would post to the Amateur Division.
 - For all non-select classes (like halter, western riding, hunter hack, etc.), the points would be posted to the Amateur Division.
 - The points posted in each division will accumulate to the Select High Point or the Amateur All Around, as appropriate, provided exhibitor has nominated and paid all appropriate fees.
 - A special reduced fee will be offered to the Amateur Select exhibitors who choose to nominate for both the Amateur Select and the Amateur Divisions.

The cutoff date for any adjustment in point standings for shows through July 31 of the current year will be October 1 of that year. For shows following July 31, the cutoff date will be November 10. After these dates the point secretary's figures will be considered official.

