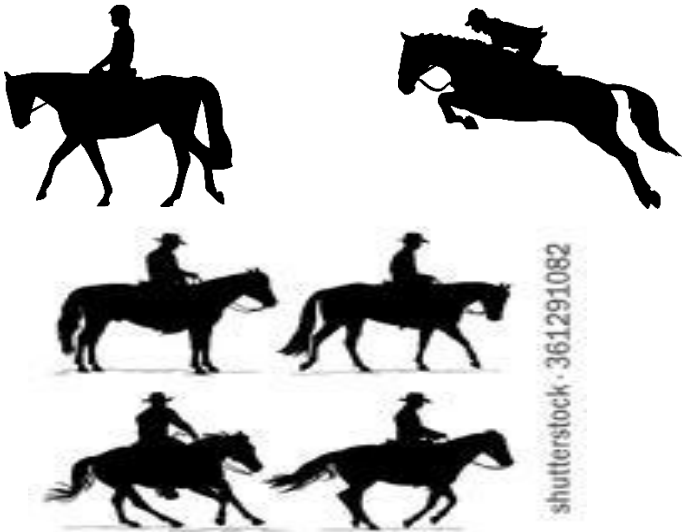


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2024 Youth Guide



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2024 RMOHYA Board Of Directors

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2024 Youth Deadlines/Requirements

Form	Due Date	Money
Youth/Parent Agreement	March 15, 2024	N/A
Youth World Declarations Level 3	April 1 st , 2024 **see below**	\$10 per horse per class/per level
Youth World Declarations Level 2	April 1 st , 2024 **see below**	\$10 per horse per class/per level
Youth World Late Declaration	June 1st, 2024 (committee approval required)	\$50 per horse per class Form required stating reason for late declaration
Year End Awards Sponsorship	October 1, 2024	\$100.00
Youth World Show Sponsorship	Due with entries	\$150.00
Congress – NYATT Declarations Entries Fees	August 1 st , 2024 Entry Fees – Sept. 15 th 2024	\$0.00 at time of declaration Individuals pay entry fees
Year End Requirements	October 1, 2024	1) Attend 2 Youth Meetings 2) \$100 Sponsorship- Due October 1, 2024 3) 1 Participation & 1 Fundraiser or 2 Participations

All forms and checks must be submitted to the youth advisor by the above dates...No Exceptions!!

****A Youth member may qualify for more than one level****

Level 2 – 13 and under or 14-18

Level 3 – 13 and under or 14-18

**Forms can also be found on the website at
www.rmqa.com/youth/forms**

RMQHYA DEADLINES for 2024

To be eligible for RMQHYA Year End Awards, you must:

- Submit the Youth / Parent Agreement by March 15, 2024
- Attend a minimum of 2 youth meetings
- Participate in 2 participation days OR 1 participation and 1 fundraiser
- Obtain a minimum of \$100 sponsorship by *October 1, 2024*

Other Dates:

- Youth World Declarations Level 2 & 3 are due April 1st, 2024
- Youth Word Sponsorship of \$150 is due with entries (national & state)
- NYATT form due August 1st, 2024

2023/2024 Youth Meeting Schedule

Roctoberfest, - October 16, 2023

RMQHA Convention, Saturday January 27, 2024

Mile High Classic - TBD

Heart of the Rockies – TBD

Gold Rush, Saturday June 22, 2024

Youth Meeting – TBD (July)

Note: There will be other meeting opportunities outside of shows watch for e-mails, Instagram and Facebook postings!!

Contact Jodie Witt Or Brenda Berlin with any questions

AQHYA Youth World Show Declaration Form
LEVEL 3

Youth Name: _____

Horse(s) Name: _____

Age Group: 13 & Under _____ **14 – 18** _____

Qualifying Event(s): _____

Today's Date: _____

Please include a check for \$10.00 per class/per level declared, payable to RMQHYA. If more than one horse, please include all horse's names and events. **A youth can declare for both Level 2 and Level 3 in the same event if eligible.**

Note: There is a \$150 Sponsorship for all Youth World Attendees (National and State Qualifiers) (Please review all qualification rules on pages 41-46)

Due by April 1st, 2024

Return to:

RMQHA Office
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AQHYA Youth World Show Declaration Form
LEVEL 2

Youth Name: _____

Horse(s) Name: _____

Age Group: 13 & Under _____ **14 – 18** _____

Qualifying Event(s): _____

Please include a check for \$10.00 per class/per level declared, payable to RMQHYA. If more than one horse, please include all horse's names and events. **A youth can declare for both Level 2 and Level 3 in the same event if eligible.**

**** Please verify your Level 2 eligibility via the AQHA website****

Note: There is a \$150 Sponsorship for all Youth World Attendees (National and State Qualifiers) (Please review all qualification rules on pages 41-46)

Due by April 1st, 2024

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Year End Sponsorship Form

Youth Member:

Name of Sponsor (if applicable):

Address of Sponsor (if applicable):

Amount Sponsored:

Check # or Cash?

Form must be filled out completely to receive credit.

**Sponsorship form must be received or fundraised by
October 1, 2024.**

Return To:

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office@[rmqha.com](mailto:office@rmqha.com)

World Show Sponsorship Form

Congratulations on qualifying for the AQHYA World Show! It will be a fun and hot August in Oklahoma City. Each member of the RMQHYA World Show team, whether a state of national qualifier, must obtain **\$150** in sponsorship in money. **Sponsorship money is due at the time entries are submitted to youth advisor.** The sponsorship money will be used for stall decorations, T-shirts, food, and beverages throughout the show. Below is the sponsorship form. You are encouraged to ask businesses for the sponsorship (feed store, veterinarian, doctors, dentist, etc.) Checks should be made payable to RMQHYA.

Sponsor:	Amount:
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Youth Member:

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NYATT Congress Team Form

Both 13 & under and 14-18 riders are eligible to represent RMQHYA at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress in the National Youth Association Team Tournament. Youth will be assigned to 1 Team by the Youth Committee. If more than 2 youth are interested in the same event, then the committee will fill the open spots based on state points. Points accumulated at RMQHA approved shows beginning at the 2023 Rocktoberfest Show through August 1, 2024 will be counted. Only points received in the RMQHA office by August 1st will be counted. All points are tabulated on a one horse/one rider basis. Team RMQHYA may consist of two qualifiers in each event offered. The events are horsemanship, showmanship, hunter under saddle, equitation, western pleasure, reining, and barrel racing. Please choose ONLY 2 Events! **Youth interested in participating, are REQUIRED to submit the following form to the RMQHA Office by August 1st, 2024. (Must include copies of horse registration papers and AQHYA and NSBA Cards).** Individuals will be responsible for entry fees and will be due to the youth advisor by **Sept. 1, 2024.**

Youth Member: _____
Youth Member AQHA & NSBA #: _____
Horse(s) Name: _____
Horse's Registration #: _____
Owner: _____
City of Residence: _____

Events interested in for the NYATT Team

_____ Showmanship _____ Hunter Under Saddle
_____ Horsemanship _____ Hunt Seat Equitation
_____ Reining _____ Barrel Race
_____ Western Pleasure

***please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd event choices with the numbers 1, 2, & 3**

Return To:
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Participation Form

Youth Name: _____

Event: _____

Date: _____

Time/Hours: _____

Supervised by: _____

Contact number: _____

Supervisor Comments: _____

Youth Comments: _____

Participation form must be received by **October 1, 2024**
Youth 14-18 must complete 4 hours of participation,
Youth 13 & under must complete 3 hours of
participation

Return To:

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Fundraiser Form

Youth Name: _____

Event: _____

Date: _____

Amount Fundraised: _____

*minimum of \$75 must be raised to meet year end requirements!

Supervised by: _____

Contact number: _____

Supervisor Comments: _____

Youth Comments: _____

Fundraiser form must be received by **October 1, 2024**

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Introduction

The Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Youth Association (RMQHYA) is one of the oldest established and recognized Quarter Horse youth associations in the United States. Young Quarter Horse enthusiasts of all ages up to and including 18 years of age are welcomed.

Almost 100% of the RMQHYA activities are achieved through volunteer efforts. Youth and parents alike are encouraged to ask questions, participate, and learn more about what RMQHYA and its parent organization, RMQHA, have to offer.

The RMQHYA is managed by the youth through elected officers and directors from within its own membership. Oversight and direction from the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association (RMQHA) Board of Directors, Youth Committee and the Youth Advisor is provided.

RMQHA approves more than 50 events annually, including horse shows, special events, educational opportunities, open show outreach and other activities throughout the year supplying many chances for you to learn about and enjoy your horse more than ever.

RMQHYA has developed a program as outlined in this Guide to explain opportunities available to encourage expanded knowledge of the American Quarter Horse, to build character and to develop good leadership through various activities. The RMQHYA has adopted its own bylaws and point-keeping system for recognizing year-end awards in each eligible class and special year-end awards to the High Point Level 1, 13 & Under and 14-18 Youth. Sportsmanship and other legacy awards are recognized each year at the annual convention of the RMQHA. In addition, several scholarship opportunities also are offered each year to deserving members. Don't miss out on your opportunities to fully appreciate what RMQHYA has to offer!

Article 1 – Name and Purpose

Section 1.

The name of the organization shall be the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Youth Association (hereinafter referred to as “RMQHYA” or the “Association”).

Section 2.

The purpose of the RMQHYA shall be:

a. To establish a means whereby its members work in conjunction with and qualify as members of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association.

b. To improve and promote the American Quarter Horse breed among youth.

c. To improve and develop the capabilities of youth, both individually and through group participation in the care, handling, horsemanship, safety and training through the exhibition of the American Quarter Horse.

d. To encourage high moral character, scholarship, leadership, community interest and sportsmanship among its members.

Article 2 – Membership

Section 1.

Age is determined as per the rules of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association (“AQHYA”).

Section 2.

The dues of each individual member of the Association shall be \$25.00 per calendar year for the members within the area covered by the RMQHA and shall be due annually, January 1st, of each calendar year.

Section 3.

To be eligible to vote at a general membership meeting, the youth must be a member in good standing (i.e. dues paid and not under suspension from either RMQHYA or AQHYA).

Article 3 – Directors

Section 1.

The business and property of the Association shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors, under the direction and guidance of the Youth Advisor of the RMQHYA.

Section 2.

The maximum number of directors shall be ten (10), one being elected from each of the five (5) regions set forth in Article 4, and the additional five (5) from the general membership. The Directors shall be elected by secret ballot at the annual membership meeting. All Directors shall be elected by all of the Youth members eligible to vote at the annual membership meeting.

Section 3.

Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President of the Association or by a majority of the Board of Directors at such time or place as may be designated by written notice in the RMQHA Magazine, or by notice of the meeting given not less than fourteen (14) days prior to such meeting.

Section 4.

The Board of Directors of the Association shall hold a minimum of four (4) meetings per year at which a quorum is present.

Section 5.

The majority of the number of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but if at any meeting of the Board of Directors there may be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be present.

Section 6.

The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority by majority vote to direct the affairs of the Association, including, but not limited to, the expenditure of money and activities relating to the conduct, management and purposes of the Association, all subject to the advice and approval of the Youth Advisor of the RMQHYA. At Large Directors duties include, but are not limited to assisting Region Directors and helping in the recruiting of new RMQHYA members

Section 7.

All business to be conducted by the Association must be first approved by the Board of Directors or the Youth Advisor.

Section 8.

All business will be conducted by the youth, through the youth.

Section 9.

If a director and/or officer miss two (2) Board of Director meetings during his/her elected term, unless such absence is due to sickness, death in the family, etc. he or she will be automatically removed from the Board and the Executive Board may appoint a replacement from the general membership to fulfill the remaining time.

Section 10.

To be nominated to serve as an Officer or Director, the youth must be present at the annual membership meeting, unless such absence is due to sickness, death in the family, etc.

Section 11.

There shall be no proxy votes allowed at any meeting, General or Board of Directors.

Article 4 – Regions

Section 1.

There shall be five (5) regions within in the RMQHYA constituted as follows:

Region 1 includes the counties of Jackson, Larimer, Boulder, Weld, Morgan, Logan, Sedgwick and Phillips.

Region 2 includes the counties of Gilpin, Clear Creek, Jefferson, Denver, Park, Douglas and Teller.

Region 3 includes the counties of Broomfield, Adams, Arapahoe, Elbert, Yuma, Washington, El Paso, Lincoln, Kit Carson and Cheyenne.

Region 4 includes the counties of Fremont, Custer, Huerfano, Costilla, Pueblo, Las Animas, Crowley, Otero, Kiowa, Bent, Powers and Baca.

Region 5, includes the counties of Moffat, Routt, Grand, Rio Blanca, Garfield, Eagle, Summit, Mesa, Pitkin, Delta, Gunnison, Lake, Chaffee, Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Hinsdale, Saguache, Dolores, San Juan, Mineral, Rio Grande, Alamosa, Montezuma, La Plata, Archuleta, Conejos and any other state which has members belonging to RMQHYA.

Section 2.

Every member, upon joining the Association, shall declare the region in which he or she lives. Any junior or senior member is eligible to run for regional director only in the region in which he or she declared.

Article 5 – Officers

Section 1.

The officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter.

Section 2.

All officers shall be elected for a term of one year and shall assume their office upon election.

Section 3 - President

The President shall have all supervision of the affairs of the Association, subject to the Board of Directors and the advice of the Youth Advisor of the RMQHYA. The President shall preside over all meeting of the Association and all meeting of the Board of Directors and shall have other such duties and authorities as are prescribed elsewhere in the constitution. The President shall appoint any committees and chairman, which shall be deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the Association

In order to be President of the Association, he or she must have served as an officer during the previous year. If no officer is available to run for President, then a President shall be elected from the outgoing Board of Directors by the general membership. If no outgoing Board of Director is available or interested in serving, the President shall be elected from the general membership.

Section 4 -Vice President

The Vice President shall, in the absence, disability or inability of the President to act, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President. The Vice President must have at least two (2) years remaining in the Youth Association to run for Vice President. If no member with at least two (2) years remaining in the Association is available or interested in serving, the Vice President shall be elected from the general membership.

Section 5 -Secretary

The Secretary shall attend all meetings, unless such absence is due to sickness or death in the family, etc., of the Association and of the Board of Directors and shall record all votes taken and the minutes of all proceedings at such meetings of the Board of Directors and the members. The Secretary shall keep an up to date roster of the Association members and call roll at each regular meeting. The Secretary must submit a copy of the minutes of each youth meeting to the RMQHA Office within 10 days of the meeting in addition to e-mail a copy to youth executive board and youth committee.

Section 6 -Reporter

The duties of the Reporter shall be to report all activities to the RMQHA Magazine and the American Quarter Horse Journal. In addition, the Reporter is responsible for informing youth of meetings and youth activities via social media (i.e. Facebook, email, etc.) and being in contact with horse show announcer.

Section 7 -Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have the responsibility of examining the financial needs of specific projects and the needs of RMQHYA and reporting those costs to the Board of Directors. In addition, the Treasurer's responsibilities include planning and setting up fundraisers at the show or assigning someone who will.

Article 6 – Delegates

Section 1.

The President and Vice President of the RMQHYA will be delegates to the Annual AQHYA Convention and must attend all meetings while there. If one of the delegates cannot attend, the RMQHYA the President, with the approval of the Youth Advisor shall appoint an alternate delegate from the Board of Directors with preference given to the Executive Board. The general membership shall elect two (2) additional delegates according to AQHYA

requirements. Election of additional delegates will be held during the Youth meeting during the Gold Rush Show.

Article 7 – Meetings

Section 1.

There shall be a minimum of one annual meeting a year to be held in conjunction with the Annual Convention and Awards Banquet.

Section 2

The membership shall be notified by written notice in the RMQHA Magazine fourteen (14) days before any general membership meeting is held with the exception of the Annual Meeting held during the Annual Convention.

Article 8 – Amending the Constitution

Section 1.

The Constitution and By Laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new By Laws may be adopted by the membership at any regular or special membership meeting upon thirty (30) days written notice thereof. By Laws Changes must also be approved by the Youth Advisor and Youth Committee.

Article 9 – Liability

Section 1.

The RMQHYA and the RMQHA shall not be responsible for loss due to accident, theft or otherwise sustained by any member, visitor or guest.

Article 10 – Auditing

Section 1.

Selected auditors will tabulate and audit the youth points. No other persons other than the auditors and the RMQHA

Secretaries will be allowed to work with the youth points in any way.

Section 2.

Points will be counted from the Rocktoberfest horse show in October, or first day of membership, through the last RMQHA approved show in the same year. The exhibitor can use all of the class points in one year toward Year End Awards. Conditions are published each year in RMQHA Magazine.

Magazine

Included with each yearly paid membership is a subscription to the RMQHA Magazine, the official publication of the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association. This illustrated monthly magazine is filled with current news of interest to Quarter Horse owners and exhibitors.

Expense Reimbursements

All receipts for expenses approved by the Youth Advisor and incurred by a Youth or his/her parent, must be ***submitted to the RMQHA office within 90 days of the date of purchase.***

EXCEPTION: All expenses incurred, which relate to or pertain to year-end awards ***MUST*** be submitted by December 31st of the same year in which the award was presented.

Year End Awards Conditions 2024

1. Points will be counted beginning from the 2023 RMQHA Rocktoberfest Show, or the first day of paid membership. Every point earned at any RMQHA approved show will count toward Year End Awards. There is no limit on the number of points an exhibitor can earn.
2. All Year End Awards will be based on a one-horse/one-rider basis.
3. To be eligible for Year End Awards all RMQHYA members ***must***:
 - a. Attend a minimum of two (2) meetings ***and***
 - b. Complete a minimum of two (2) participation days/events ***or*** complete one participation days and one fundraiser (\$75 minimum fundraised)
 - c. Youth **MUST** also obtain a minimum of *One Hundred Dollars* (\$100.00) in sponsorships. This sponsorship must be **postmarked or turned in** to the youth advisor by ***October 1, 2024***.
 - d. Requirements must be completed in the given time frame. This time frame begins at Rocktoberfest and runs through October 1st. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
4. The point system for halter classes: Horses in the 2 & under and 3 and over and Performance Halter classes are receiving one point for every horse shown up to a maximum of 9 points.

Example: 10 horses entered in class

- 1st place -9 points
- 2nd place – 8 points
- 3rd place – 7 points
- 4th place – 6 points
- 5th place – 5 points
- 6th place – 4 points
- 7th place – 3 points
- 8th place – 2 points
- 9th place – 1 points

5. The point system for performance classes:
18 & Under, 13 & under and 14-18 divisions are decided by the age of the youth member with one point given for every horse shown.

Example: 6 horses entered in class

- 1st place – 6 points
- 2nd place – 5 points
- 3rd place – 4 points
- 4th place – 3 points
- 5th place – 2 points
- 6th place – 1 point

6. Year End class awards will be given to Class Champion and Reserve Class Champion. Year End class awards will be given in the following events:

- **18 and under classes:** western riding, trail, all speed events, all VRH classes/cattle events and all over-fences events.
- **13 & Under and 14-18:** Showmanship, hunter under saddle, equitation, western pleasure, horsemanship, reining, and ranch riding.
- **Level 1:** showmanship, hunter under saddle, equitation, western pleasure, horsemanship, reining, trail, western riding, and ranch riding
- **Rookie Division:** showmanship, hunter under saddle, equitation, western pleasure, horsemanship, reining, trail, western riding, and ranch riding, cattle events, and speed events (all dependent on classes offered at RMQHA Approved Shows)

- **Halter classes:** Youth Performance Mares & Geldings, 2 and under geldings and mares, 3 and over geldings and mares

7. To be eligible for class awards, a youth must show a minimum of 3 separate times in that specific class and have completed all requirements for year-end eligibility.

Exception: If a class is offered less than 3 times for the Level 1, class awards will still be given to those who meet year end eligibility.

8. In order to be eligible for a High Point award points must be earned in two or more performance categories as published in the current AQHA Handbook. Points may include halter points earned in the Youth Division, however, halter points are not required to win a High Point Award.

9. A youth exhibitor must show at a minimum of ten (10) RMQHA approved shows (judges) to be eligible for High Point Awards.

*** Note: This is in addition to completing the year end awards eligibility requirements***

10. All Rookie Awards will be based on the points earned in only the Rookie Division and based on the number of times the classes are offered at RMQHA Approved shows from Oct 1st, 2023 - Sept 30th, 2024

- To be eligible for year-end awards a Rookie must attend a minimum of one (1) youth meeting.

11. High Point Year End Awards will include a High Point Champion, a Reserve High Point Champion and Top Ten awards for each of the four (5) divisions (13 & under, 14-18, VRH, Level 1 and Rookie).

- Points earned in both Halter and Performance events will be counted toward 13 & under and 14-18 High Point Awards.
- Only points earned in Level 1 classes will count towards the Level 1 High Point and Reserve High Point awards.
- In the Rookie Division, awards will only be given to the High point Champion and Reserve High Point Champion, there will be no Top Ten High Points in the Rookie Division

12. Once points are tabulated for the year, all non-eligible exhibitors will be removed, and the next eligible member will be moved into the open position. This will cause a chain effect of eligible members.

Example: If the 3rd place member is not eligible, the 4th place member will move up to 3rd place, the 5th place member will move to 4th place, etc.

13. Should there be a question concerning the tabulation of results for Year End Awards, questions should be addressed to the RMQHA office no later than November 1st of the current year.

Sponsorship Rules
Youth Year End Award Sponsorship

- Year End Sponsorship form (pg.16) must be postmarked and/or turned into the Youth Advisor no later than....

October 1, 2024

**THERE WILL BE NO LATE SPONSORSHIPS ACCEPTED
AFTER THESE DATES**

- Forms must be completely filled out
- A minimum of \$100.00 in sponsorship or fundraising money is required to be eligible for Year End Awards.
- **No sponsorships will be accepted after October 1st, 2024
(NO EXCEPTIONS)**

Tentative Fundraisers and Youth Participation Dates

Bellringer Denver, CO	February 2024	Basket Bonanza
Mile High Classic- Loveland, CO	March/April 2024	TBD
Heart of the Rockies Loveland, CO	May 2024	TBD
Fall Classic Grand Junction, CO	September 2024	TBD
Goldrush Loveland, CO	June 2024	TBD
Rocktoberfest Loveland, CO	October 2024	TBD
RMQHA Convention	January 2024	TBD
Trainer Auction	On Hold	

**** Please watch the RMQHYA Facebook Page and
Instagram for Fundraiser updates****

Youth Meeting Schedule

- Roctoberfest – October 2023
- RMQHA Convention – January 27, 2024
- Bellringer – February 2024
- Mile High Classic – March/April 2024
- Heart of the Rockies – May 2024
- Goldrush – June 2024
- Youth Meeting – July 2024

All Times to be determined.

REMEMBER: You MUST Attend 2 Youth Meetings for Year End Award Eligibility (Meeting opportunities outside of shows will be available including board meetings)

***NOTE:** Please check at www.rmqa.com or the RMQHYA Facebook page for changes to youth meeting schedule and dates/times that were not available at printing.

Please contact the Youth Advisor or any of the RMQHYA Executive board if you have questions regarding fundraisers, participation opportunities, youth meetings, year-end eligibility, youth world, or NYATT team information! We are always here to answer questions and listen to suggestions! Thanks

Participation Rules

To receive participation credit, you must pre-arrange with the Youth Advisor the date and time you plan to work. This must be done five (5) days prior to the event to allow the event planner to schedule work for you.

*Youth members in the 13 & under age division are required to work a minimum of three (3) hours per event. Youth members in the 14-18 age division are required to work a minimum of four (4) hours per event.

*If a youth member signs up to work and does not show up for shift, they will be required to complete two (2) participation days to make up for the one missed day. If you do need to cancel your shift you may do so 24 hours prior with no penalty.

*It is the youth member's responsibility to plan ahead to find which participation days' work for their schedules. We will not be adding extra days to accommodate your needs.

*Signed form must be returned within two (2) weeks of participation day to receive credit.

*The last participation day will be the RMQHA Fall Classic QH show. There will be limited work slots available; don't put off your participation day until the last minute.

*Proper dress is expected during participation days. Please remember you are representing RMQHYA and should be dressed in a modest fashion. Please, no shorts, tank tops, sweatpants, etc.

*Participation forms are in the front of the Youth Guide and are available online.

Participation Days

(Tentative)

Please check RMQHA.com for additional participation days not available at time of printing. Use the empty spaces provided to write down the name of an event that was worked but not listed above, along with a contact name and telephone number, as well as hours worked. No participation will be counted that cannot be verified with a name and telephone number.

Rocktoberfest – Trail Set Up	October, 2023
Convention: Hall of Fame/Community Service	January 2024
Basket Bonanza – Set Up/Tear Down, Work shift	Bellringer, February 2024
YES Seminar	July 9-11th, 2024
Horse Show help	March, May, June 2024
World Show Decorations/ Set Up	July, 2024
Fundraising Posters (Partial Credit- 1 hrs or 1.5 hrs)	Multiple Opportunities
Mentoring & Membership Committee	Multiple Opportunities

*Note: the youth world stall decorating party will count for participation

For the 2024-year, youth are not limited to just these events. They are allowed to volunteer at a therapeutic riding center in their area or an IEA or local Open/4-H horse show. If there are other ideas for participation they MUST be approved, but the Youth Advisor no later than June 30th, 2024.

AQHVA World Show Qualification **National Qualification Level 3**

To qualify nationally, riders must earn a predetermined number of AQHA points in the event that they are interested in. At www.aqha.org, under membership services, exhibitors can find out how many points it takes to qualify for their event and level and find out how many points they have accumulated toward qualification. Points earned between May 1st, 2023 and April 30th, 2024 will count towards the 2024 World Championship Show. Once an exhibitor has earned the required number of points in an event to qualify nationally, AQHYA will mail the necessary entry forms and information. Youth eligible to attend the AQHYA World Show on a **NATIONAL INVITATION** are required to complete the forms and submit them to the Youth Advisor by **June 12th, 2024**. In addition to the completed forms, the Youth must meet the \$150 sponsorship requirement set forth below. (Note: National qualifiers are not required to declare but must be RMQHVA members).

ADEQUAN LEVEL 2 GUIDELINES.

Level point ranges are designed to group horses and riders with their peers of similar experience and points earned.

Classes are leveled by class and based on exhibitor records.

Level eligibility is based on both points and awards earned.

Level 2 is not available in boxing or jumping

- Horses placing in the top two in Level 3 classes are not eligible for Level 2 for the subsequent three years in that class, regardless of points earned in the past three years.
- Level 2 classes will have only one go-round that will be considered a final
- ½ the qualifying points of the corresponding Level 3 class will be all that is required
- If a horse/exhibitor combination has qualified in Level 3 for a class and is also Level 2 eligible, both entry forms will be sent, with entry fees for each class required to enter both.

- As for state entries, there will still be four (up to six) per class accepted in both Level 2 and Level 3
- Top ten and five finalist's placings will be put on the horse's permanent record; however, the title will not reflect the placing as a world show placing (for example: first place in Level 2 western pleasure will read "Level 2 Champion" and give the show date).

A horse may be shown in a Level 3 class by one sibling and in Level 2 of that same class by a different sibling, so long as all are properly qualified and eligible.

Following are class procedures:

- Placed classes – Level 2 hunter under saddle, western pleasure, showmanship, horsemanship and equitation on the flat will run separate from the Level 3 prelims
- Working hunter and hunter hack – Level 3 will have a work order and run first followed by Level 2 competitors with a different work order.
- Halter – Level 2 and Level 3 classes will be held concurrently, so that both classes will be shown at one time. If an exhibitor is eligible, he/she may enter both levels, but the horse will be shown only once.
- Team Penning and Ranch Sorting – Level 3 will have a work order and run first followed by Level 2 competitors with a different work order. If a team wants to ride in Level 2, all team members must be Level 2 eligible.
- Speed events (barrel racing, pole bending, stake race and breakaway roping):
 - Same horse entered in both levels ridden by the same rider can roll over their time or take two runs. *This must be declared at the time of entry.*
 - Horses entered only in Level 2 will have their own work order and run after the end of the Level 3 prelims.
 - Same horse entered in both levels ridden by different riders (declared at the time of entry); horse will run a second time in the Level 2 draw.

Scored events (equitation over fences, cutting, working cow horse, boxing, tie-down roping, heading, heeling, reining, western riding, trail and ranch riding):

- Same horse entered in both levels ridden by the same rider – Level 3 score will roll over and be counted also as the Level 2 score for the Level 2 placing.
- Horse entered only in Level 2 will have their own work order and work after the end of the Level 3 prelims.
- Same horse entered in both levels shown by different exhibitors – horse will work a second time at the end of the Level 2 finals.

If a horse is entered in both Level 3 and Level 2 and shown by the same exhibitor, that horse will be drawn in the Level 3 working order and shown only once. These dual entries will be depicted on the Level 3 work order with an asterisk.

Dual entries will show as part of the Level 3 work order, but the score will also count in the Level 2 part of the class; therefore, when the Level 2 work order is drawn, the dual entries will appear at the bottom of the Level 2 order with an asterisk but will not show again.

If a horse is entered in Level 3 with one exhibitor and in Level 2 with a different exhibitor, that horse will work twice, once in the Level 3 work order and once in the Level 2 work order.

If needed, shootouts will occur only in Level 3 classes and will be held after the corresponding Level 2 class, with Level 2 awards being presented after the shootout.

State Qualification

1. The state qualifying dates for the 2024 RMQHYA World Show team begin with the 2023 Fall Classic Show through June 22-25, 2024 or first day of paid membership of the youth member.

2. All youth declaring for a state spot for both Level 2 and Level 3, must show a minimum of one time at a state qualifying show in the event(s) they wish to qualify in that are offered in a qualifying year with the horse they wish to qualify on.

3. Cutting, Working Cowhorse and Team Penning will be based on National AQHA points. Interested youth must contact Advisor by **June 12th, 2024**.

5. For all other events there are 8 specified qualifying show dates. These dates include:

- 2023 Fall Classic – September – 1 judge
- 2023 - Rocktoberfest, October – 1 judge
- Bellringer – 2 judges
- Mile High – 1 judge
- Heart of the Rockies – 2 judges
- Gold Rush – 1 judge

b. All exhibitors intending to qualify in an event or events must declare such intent in writing no later than **April 1st, 2024** for Level 3 and for Level 2 (**postmarked**). A Declaration Form must be completed and returned specifying each class, level and age group that the exhibitor and horse combination intend to qualify in along with a check made payable to RMQHYA in the amount of \$10.00 for each class and level declared. All those declaring must have an RMQHYA Membership by June 1st of the year of qualification.

c. If state spots are available following the April 1st Declaration deadline for any Level 3 event(s) a youth may declare late for an increased declaration fee of \$50.00 per event and by filling out an application reviewed by the youth

committee that that states why the youth is declaring late and their involvement within RMQHYA. In the instance of multiple applications and limited spots or ties the committee will first go to the greatest number of state points in that event and then to number of youth meetings attended. **NO LATE DECLARATION APPLICATIONS will be accepted after JUNE 15th, 2024 and no substitutions will be allowed.**

d. The exhibitor will be allowed to use his/her six (6) best placings in each respective event. Except as previously stated in #2 above, there is no minimum number of times the exhibitor must show to be eligible; it is done strictly on a point basis using no more than six (6) shows. The top four (4) horses (or up to six) in each event in both Level 2 and Level 3 will represent RMQHYA at the AQHYA World Championship Show. An alternate entry will be picked on the same basis. Any RMQHYA members receiving National invitations will represent RMQHYA in addition to the top four (4) riders/horses qualifying in through the state.

e. On qualifying days, if a class is split into age divisions (13 & under and 14-18), the show management will offer an 18 & under qualifying class. The youth must show in both the qualifying class and the corresponding age division class in order for their points to count towards AQHYA Youth World Show qualifying. The five (5) classes include: Showmanship, Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship and Equitation. In the event the Youth shows in a qualifying class and elects not to show in the corresponding age division class, an entry fee for the corresponding class will still be incurred. The RMQHA scratch policy will not apply to qualifying and corresponding age division classes

f. All points will remain on a one-horse/one-rider basis. Contestants in the top nine (9) will be given one point for each exhibitor placing below him plus one point up to a maximum of nine (9) points.

Example: If there are 12 horses in the class, the 1st place horse will receive 9 points, 2nd place will receive 8 points, etc. through nine (9) placings.

g. In case of a tie, the youth winning the highest number of first places will be selected followed by the highest number of second place awards.

h. All State and National Qualifiers must be current members (as of June 1st of year of qualification) and in good standing with RMQHYA.

i. Any appeals regarding qualifiers must be made in writing to the Youth Advisor or the RMQHA office AND be received on or before June 25th. The final decision is to be made by the Show and Performance Vice-President.

j. Once qualified, each team member will be responsible for obtaining a \$150 sponsorship (this is per youth)!

Sponsorship money is due with entries.

***Note:** The sponsorship money will be used for stall decorations, T-shirts and beverages throughout the show. The sponsorship form is located at the back of the Youth Guide and is available online.

k. These qualifying rules will remain in effect for the 2023 and 2024 show seasons (to be reviewed at the RMQHA 2024 Convention in January 2024).

Special Awards

The RMQHA/RMQHYA and AQHYA offer many wonderful programs. The following is a list of several of the opportunities available.'

Sportsmanship Awards

These awards are given to two (2) individuals, one 13 & under and one 14-18, selected by the general membership by secret ballot at the convention meeting. If they were winning or losing, these members have shown excellent sportsmanship throughout the year. The winners will be announced at the awards banquet.

Mitzi Powers Rookie of the Year Award

This award is presented annually in honor of Mitzi Powers. Mitzi showed her first year in RMQHYA when she was 11 years old. She qualified for the World Championship Show, and participated on the Congress team, leaving her mark in the show arena. That year, on Christmas Eve, she was diagnosed with Reye's syndrome. She died several days later. This award is given to a member, who in their first or second year of showing has left their mark on the RMQHYA. The Youth Committee will select a winner using secret ballots, and the award is presented at the awards banquet.

Making a Difference Award

At the 2003 Annual Convention, the Youth Association introduced the Making a Difference Award. The award will be given annually to an adult who makes a difference within the RMQHYA. The award will be voted on by the Youth Board and presented at the awards banquet.

Committees

RMQHYA has five (5) active committees. They are the World Show, Membership & Mentoring, Year-End Award, and the Fundraising Committee.

World Show Committee

The chairman of the World Show Committee is the current RMQHYA President. The responsibilities of the committee are; to select a team World Show theme, discuss a budget with the Treasurer, order T-shirts, hats, etc. organize the stall decorating party, arrange to have white board, CO flag, RMQHYA banner, stall curtains and magazines taken to Oklahoma City. While in Oklahoma the committee is responsible for preparing a stall-sweeping chart and maintaining current information on the white board, organizing a picnic lunch, picture times and stall decorating times for the team.

Mentoring & Membership Committee

The chairman of the Mentoring & Membership Committee (M&M) is the current RMQHYA Vice President. The responsibilities of the committee are to arrange and manage participation days with the RMQHA. There should be activities planned for the All Novice Shows and for the trail ride (if applicable). The committee should work with Region Directors in planning a grass roots approach to increasing membership. This committee is also responsible for welcoming new members or those showing for the first time. These responsibilities include introducing youth to trainers and other youth members as well as encouraging them to attend meetings and explaining the idea of fundraisers, participation, etc.

Fund Raising Committee

The chairman of the Fund-Raising Committee is the current RMQHYA Treasurer. The Fund-Raising Committee will select the fundraisers for the current year. They are in charge of all details concerning each fund raiser; printing raffle tickets, distributing tickets, collecting monies, advertising (for both youth selling and to prospective buyers) and reporting participants for the Quarter Pal of the Year. They are also responsible for setting and maintaining a budget for the RMQHYA.

Year End Awards Committee

The chairman of the Year End Awards Committee is the current RMQHYA Secretary. The Year End Awards Committee is responsible for preparing a budget, polling the youth members for ideas and then selecting awards. Once awards arrive, they need to be sorted and handed out during the Annual Convention. Any unclaimed awards must be labeled and mailed or sent to the Rocky Mountain office for pick up.

Congress NYATT Team Committee

This committee is responsible for assigning competing youth members to the RMQHYA Congress NYATT team. The committee will consist of the Youth Advisor, Youth Committee Members along with the current President and Vice President of RMQHYA.

RMQHYA Youth Committee

The chairman of the RMQHYA Youth Committee is Leslie Lange. The committee members are Jimmy Daurio, Jan Guynn, Shaun Gloude, Leslie Lange, Jill Cook and Julie Jolstad. The committee reports to the RMQHA Executive Board of Directors.

All Committees

All committees should consist of a chairman, a parent liaison and 4-6 active committee members. It is the chairman's responsibility to form committees, set meeting times (minimum of three (3) per year) and report committee activity at youth meetings, board meetings and to the Youth Advisor on a regular basis.

Scholarships

RMQHYA

Each year, at least one \$1000 scholarship is available to deserving members of the RMQHYA. The scholarship is based on an application process. Those members, who are either seniors in high school or are in their last year as a youth, are eligible to apply. Scholarship awards are based on RMQHYA participation, academic achievements and community service involvement. Applications can be obtained through the RMQHA office, on-line, or contact Jodie Witt. They **MUST** be turned into the RMQHA office no later than **November 1, 2024**.

Foundation Scholarship

Scholarship awarded through the RMQHA Foundation. This scholarship is available for any person involved with RMQHA that will be attending an accredited College, University or trade school on a full-time basis within 12 months of the awarding of this scholarship. Currently the scholarship being awarded is for \$2500.00. Application must be postmarked or received by RMQHA Foundation by November 1, 2024. Scholarship winner will be awarded and announced at the next RMQHA convention; the scholarship must be used within 12 months of being awarded. Completed applications should be sent to RMQHA, 22 South 4th Ave. Suite 306, Brighton CO 80601 or emailed to Office@rmqha.com.

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There are also a number of scholarships awarded through AQHYA. To be eligible the applicant must be a member in good standing with the AQHYA or AQHA, not have received an AQHYA scholarship previously, be ranked in the top 25% of their high school class, maintain a 2.5 GPA and be able to show financial need. Applications can be obtained on www.aqha.org, under the youth link, or by calling the AQHYA office at 806.376.4811.