

**NMQHYA - AQHYA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW
STATE TEAM QUALIFYING
Handbook 2020-2021**

All NMQHYA team members must comply with all qualifying rules/criteria within these qualifying time periods for the respective years. This applies to both in state NMQHYA members and out of state AQHYA members wishing to file letters of hardship to attend the AQHYA World Show as state qualifiers to the New Mexico Quarter Horse Youth World Team.

Section I. Qualifying Period

- A. For the qualifying year 2020-2021, NMQHA has designated qualifying shows/events held within the state of New Mexico between May 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021, which constitutes the qualifying period, consistent with the current AQHYA qualifying year period.

Section II. Membership/Residency Requirement

- A. NMQHYA State Team Qualifiers Any youth wishing to compete at the AQHYA World Championship Show as a NMQHYA state qualifier must meet all membership rules by being the following:
 - 1. A member of AQHA in good standing as of July 1st of the show year, per AQHA membership rules.
 - 2. A NMQHYA member in good standing on or before May 15th, membership fee may accompany the team application. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
- B. AQHYA World Show National Qualifiers Any youth that is nationally qualified must meet the following membership rules:
 - 1. A member of AQHA in good standing as of July 1st of the show year, per AQHA.
 - 2. No NMQHYA membership required
- C. NMQHYA World Show team members must meet the AQHYA residency requirements listed in each year's AQHYA World Show Competitor's Handbook.

Section III. Change of Affiliation Petition

- A. Youth from another state wishing to file a Change of Affiliation letter to become a member of NMQHYA's State World Show Team must complete the following:

A dated and clearly defined Change of Affiliation letter (form available on AQHA website) filed with NMQHA youth advisor by March 1st of the qualifying period. The petition letter can be sent by email as an attached file. An email or text alone is not sufficient as an original petition.

 - 1. Submit Official AQHYA Change of Affiliation to AQHA office by April 1st of the qualifying period.
 - 2. Change of Affiliation requests will be reviewed by AQHA and NMQHA separately, and NMQHA will have final determination as to whether the youth applicant has met NMQHYA World Show Team requirements as a state qualifier and whether such a petition will be accepted.

Section IV. Team Participation

- A. All youth wishing to represent NMQHYA on the AQHYA World Show Team must demonstrate active engagement in the activities of the NMQHYA affiliate. This active engagement is to be demonstrated through meeting the following requirements:
1. Attendance at a minimum of 1 scheduled NMQHYA membership meetings.
 2. Participation in 50% of NMQHYA fundraising activities.
 3. Participation in a minimum of 1 NMQHYA outreach activity.

Section V. NMQHYA State Team Application

A. *NMQHYA Yellow Team*

- Only members of NMQHYA are eligible to apply for our AQHYA World State Teams. NMQHYA can qualify up to three members in each event in 18/under Level 2 and 14-18 Level 3.
- To apply for NMQHYA YELLOW TEAM, enter your six best NMQHA-approved shows only below. Each judge's placings are considered one show.
- Complete one NMQHYA YELLOW Team application for each event you wish to compete in, one horse/one rider combination.
- Level 2 and Level 3 classes in all events will be held at AQHYA World Championships, except for Boxing and Jumping. Be sure and indicate the level you are applying for. Unsure of your level in an event, check by visiting www.aqha.com/journal/resources/exhibitors/find-your-level.
- Tie-breakers are decided by the number of exhibitors you placed above in the event, and then by date the application was received by NMQHA.
- At the discretion of the NMQHA Board of Directors team positions may be filled from either the Red or Yellow team in order to fill all positions.
- Print out a copy of your AQHA Youth World Show record and submit with application packet. It must be received by NMQHYA by May 15th, 2021.

B. *NMQHYA Red Team*

- Only members of NMQHYA are eligible to apply for our AQHYA World State Teams. NMQHYA can qualify up to three members in each event in 18/under Level 2 and three members in 14-18 Level 3 on the NMQHYA RED TEAM.
- To apply for NMQHYA RED TEAM, enter your ten best AQHA-approved shows below. Each judge's placings are considered one show.
- Complete one NMQHYA RED Team application for each event you wish to compete in, one horse/one rider combination.
- Level 2 and Level 3 classes in all events will be held at AQHYA World Championships, except for Boxing and Jumping. Be sure and indicate the level you are applying for. If you are unsure of your level in an event, check by visiting www.aqha.com/journal/resources/exhibitors/find-your-level.
- Tie-breakers are decided by the number of exhibitors you placed above in the event, and then by date the application was received by NMQHA.
- At the discretion of the NMQHA Board of Directors team positions may be filled from either the Red or Yellow team in order to fill all positions.

- Print out a copy of your AQHA Youth World Show record and submit with application packet. It must be received by NMQHHA by May 15th 2021.

C. NMQHHA Black Team (13 & Under ONLY)

- To show in the 2021 AQHA Youth World Championship 13 & Under classes, you must be 13 or under on Jan 1st, 2021!
- Only members of NMQHHA are eligible to apply for our AQHHA World State Teams. NMQHHA can qualify up to six members in 13/under Level 3.
- 13 & Under classes are offered in Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Showmanship, Trail, and Ranch Riding ONLY 4
- To apply for NMQHHA BLACK TEAM, enter your six best NMQHA-approved shows only below. Each judge's placings are considered one show.
- Complete one Black Team application for each event you wish to compete in, one horse/one rider combination.
- Tie-breakers are decided by the number of exhibitors you placed above in the event, and then by date the application was received by NMQHA.
- Print out a copy of your AQHA Youth World Show record, and submit with application packet. It must be received by NMQHHA by May 15th 2021.

D. NMQHA Approved Shows

- NMQHA Land of Enchantment Circuit (5 judges)
 - New Mexico State Fair (2 judges)
- SWQHA Border Circuit (5 judges)
 - SWQHA March Horse Show (2 judges)
- NMQHA/SWQHA Fall Show (1 judge)

Section VI: Petition Letters

- Youth wishing to petition for positions on the NMQHHA state team may submit a letter of petition for consideration as a state team member in said classes/events. Petition letters for such classes/events must be submitted to the NMQYHA Youth Advisor to be forwarded to the NMQHA Board of Directors by May 15 following the end of the qualifying period.
- All letters of petition must be clearly identified and dated by the petitioning youth and not by a parent, guardian or trainer "representing" that youth. The petition letter and the youth's competition record can be mailed USPS or attached as a file in an email. An email or text alone is not sufficient as an original petition.
- The NMQHA Board of Directors will review and consider all petition letters and render a decision of each requested positions based on the following criteria:
 - First, AQHA points acquired at any AQHA approved show/event during the qualifying period for the petitioned class/event.
 - In the absence of AQHA points, performance records from other sanctioned competitions in the petitioned class/event will be considered.
- Classes available for consideration by petition are:
 - Working Cow Horse/Boxing

- Breakaway Roping
- Tie Down Roping
- Heading/Heeling
- Barrels
- Poles
- Stakes
- Cutting
- Hunter Hack
- Working Hunter
- Equitation over Fences
- Jumping
- Ranch Sorting/Team Penning

- E. The NMQHA Board of Directors will review and consider all petition letters and render a decision by June 1st.

Section VII: Fees

- A. A \$75 team fee will be assessed to all exhibitors who attend the AQHYA World Show on the NMQHA Youth Team, whether Nationally Qualified or State Qualified in addition to any AQHA/AQHYA fees.

Section VIII. Horse Substitutions

- A. A youth wishing to designate a different horse in a class/event from the horse they have compiled qualifying points on must submit a letter of petition supporting the horse substitution to the NMQHA Youth Advisor to be forwarded to the NMQHA Board of Directors for review by May 31st of the show year.
- B. All letters of petition must be clearly identified and dated by the petitioning youth and not by a parent, guardian or trainer "representing" that youth. The petition can be mailed USPS or attached as a file in an email. An email or a text alone is not sufficient as an original petition.

Section IX. National Qualifiers

- A. AQHYA National Qualifiers are considered to be members of the NMQHYA team but will not be assigned to any of the six (6) qualifying positions for each class/event. A Nationally Qualified youth wishing to petition into a state qualifying position in classes/events other than their National Qualified classes/events must have fulfilled all state affiliate membership and participation criteria as required of any other state qualifier.

Section X. Selection, Notification and Team Conduct

- A. Final team determination for the AQHYA World Championship Show will be made on or before June 1st of the qualifying year and the NMQHYA Youth Advisor will notify all team members. Team members will have 5 days in which to accept or refuse their positions. If refused, the NMQHA Youth Advisor will offer the position to the next highest point earning youth in a class/event OR open that event to petition if there are unfilled openings.

- B. Team members will be responsible for submitting all required forms/fees to the NMQHYA Youth Advisor by June 20th. AQHA must have all entries submitted by the State Youth Advisor in the AQHA office on July 1st. All entries, both state and national qualifications must be sent in one team packet by the state youth advisor.
- C. Checks for entry fees should be written to the NMQHYA, which is required to send one check for all entry and stall fees to AQHA with the state team packet. Checks to NMQHYA must include all AQHA fees and the \$75.00 NMQHYA Team fee.
- D. All team members will be required to sign and abide by the NMQHYA Code of Conduct. Failure to comply with the NMQHYA Code of Conduct while in attendance at the AQHYA World Championship Show will result in that youth being brought before the NMQHA Board of Directors for disciplinary action and/or possible expulsion as an NMQHYA member through official action of the NMQHA Board of Directors.

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