

Pennsylvania Quarter Horse Youth Association

Dear PQHYA Member,

January 2018

I am very excited for the 2018 show season together! I know we will have a fun and productive year!

For any new members who might not know me, I've been involved with PQHA & PQHYA since I was 9 years old, and I myself have served as a past PQHYA Officer as well as a National Officer and Director for AQHYA. Recently I graduated from Texas A&M University where I was a member of their NCAA Division I Women's Equestrian Team. I currently work at an Insurance Agency and continue to show my horse in the Ranch Riding at PQHA shows and on the National AQHA level.

I highly encourage each and every one of you to get further involved with AQHYA, whether that be by attending the Youth Excellence Seminar and/or the Region 5 Youth Leadership Conference, or by even running for a national officer/board member position with AQHYA- you will not regret it! Also, if you are interested in continuing your passion for horses in college, I encourage you to look into NCAA or IHSA Collegiate Equestrian Teams.

This annual youth packet will include (All items also available via PQHA Website):

- 2018 Calendar of Events (youth meetings, qualifying dates, and other important dates)
- Letter of Intent (due back to me NO LATER THAN **April 15th**)
- PQHYA Team Requirements & Committee List
- PQHA Membership & Year End Point Nomination Forms
 - (due to Shelly Weaver NO LATER THAN **May 1st**)

Meetings:

For meetings listed on the Calendar page... All of our meetings usually take place the Saturday of the listed weekend and, unless otherwise stated, will be held at the end of the show day. Locations are announced on the show grounds the day of the meeting.

If you have any questions about meeting location or time PLEASE text, call, or email me!

Work Hours:

To be eligible for Congress and/or World Show team, you MUST work at least *14 hours* at the two PQHYA run events. These events (Winning Ways Clinic and PQHYA Youth Show) are listed on the calendar. Another adult or I will keep a total of your hours based on your sign in sheets. REMEMBER TO SIGN IN ANY TIME YOU ARE WORKING! If you don't sign in on the time sheet, your hours will not be counted- NO EXCEPTIONS.

AQHYA World Show Team Qualifying Dates:

There are 5 shows that count for state qualifying for the AQHYA world show. 2 dates from last year (2017) and 3 dates from the current year (2018).

- June 17-18, KQHA Showdown 2017 (first 2 judges alphabetically count for points)
- July 15-16, PQHA Mid-Summer Madness Show 2017 (first 2 judges alphabetically count for points)
- May 12-13, 2018 TSQHA Show With A View
- May 26-27, 2018 PQHA Summer Kick Off Show
- May 27-28, 2018 WPQHA Memorial Day Show

***** NEW THIS YEAR--- Since the PQHA & WPQHA May shows will be held the same weekend, we have voted to make both of those shows double pointed towards World Show Qualifying. That way you still have access to the same amount of judges as you would if they were not conflicting dates*****

Congress NYATT Team Qualifying Dates:

The qualifying period for congress team is May 1st-July 22nd.

Reminder: The top 60% of shows, out of the total number of PQHA approved shows (PQHA, TSQHA, KQHA, or WPQHA show) in that time period, will count towards congress team qualifying.

At least 1 of those shows MUST be a PQHA show.

Special Event Category:

The “special events” would be the events that we do not offer at our PQHA shows (Roping, Jumping, Team Penning, etc.). If these exhibitors still want to be eligible for financial aid from PQHYA AND get their walk-in outfit paid for at youth world, they must complete all the requirements that any other team member has to OR they have the option to do the \$100 Fundraiser buyout and only receive a paid walk-in outfit from PQHYA. New in 2016- Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, & Reining have been added to the special event category due to low entries at the Pennsylvania AQHA shows.

Please be sure to keep an eye on your emails, the PQHA youth webpage, and Facebook Group for more information during the year. If anyone needs anything or has any questions please do not hesitate to call, text, or email me!

***** IF YOU WISH TO NOMINATE MORE THAN ONE HORSE FOR CONGRESS AND/OR YOUTH WORLD, YOU MUST FILL OUT A LETTER OF INTENT FORM FOR EACH HORSE*****

Thank you for your participation and I’m looking forward to seeing each and every one of you soon!

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