



SELECTION OF THE NOQHYA CONGRESS YOUTH TEAM

Section 1. The final decision in seating the Congress Youth Team will be made on the following basis:

- (a) Total point accumulation within the specified dates.
- (b) If a youth should qualify in more than one class, prime consideration shall be given to each youth's desire as to what class he or she wants to participate in.
- (c) If a youth should qualify on more than one horse, the youth will be allowed to designate the event and horse of their choice from which they are qualified.
- (d) If there is an opening in any Congress Youth Team class, the Head Youth Advisor has the discretion to fill the open spot at the individual's own expense (entries, outfit, stall, and any other deemed expenses) with approval of the Adult Executive Committee.**

Section 2. Eligibility

- (a) Each youth wanting to participate on the Congress Youth Team must submit a letter of intent yearly to the youth advisor by prior to competing at your first NOQHA, NYATT qualifying show.
- (b) Each youth must be a member in good standing of the NOQHA and AQHA to grant point earning privileges and NYATT qualifying requirements.
- (c) Ownership of the horse exhibited by the above youth is to be as required in the current edition of the official Handbook of AQHA.
- (d) Each youth must attend **two (2)** meetings of the NOQHYA. January meeting through and including **June** meeting will all count for team eligibility, monthly meeting date, time and location are subject to change as situation requires.
- (e) Perform four (4) hours work service, as designated by the Youth Advisors during the May NOQHA Spring Extravaganza/Level 1 Show and/or June NOQHA Summer Six Pack Circuit.
- (f) Obtain **\$75.00** minimum in NOQHYA sponsors, due by May meeting.
- (g) Participate in two (2) fundraisers and one (1) community service project to be completed by the end of NOQHA Summer Circuit.**
- (h) All Eligibility Requirements are to be completed and must be documented through the Head Youth Advisor in the official NYATT Log Book no later than the end of the Summer Circuit.

Section 3. Points

- (a) Points will be accumulated from April 1st, through July 28th; Weekday points shall count as described in NOQHA Article VII, Section 2 excluding special events. Points will be awarded as follows: for a class of nine (9) or more horses, the First Place horse receives nine (9) points: Second Place horse receives eight (8) points: Third Place horse receives seven (7) points: Fourth Place horse receives six (6) points: Fifth Place horse receives five (5) points: Sixth Place horse receives four (4) points: Seventh Place horse receives three (3) points: Eighth Place horse receives two (2) points: Ninth Place horse receives one (1) point. The same applies if there are only four (4) horses or one (1) horse in a class. The First-Place horse gets no more points than there are horses in the class. Points will be awarded to the first nine (9) places. The person's best 10 shows in the qualifying period will count, subject to the requirements of showing in a minimum of 5 shows and accumulating at least 5 points in the corresponding class during the qualifying period.
- (b) The winner of all ties shall be the horse or exhibitor who:
 - 1. Accumulates the most first placings.
 - 2. Accumulates the most first and second placings.
 - 3. If the tie still cannot be broken, youth advisors, Youth Board Members and NOQHA officers and directors shall have the authority to break the tie to benefit the team.
- (c) Points for the Congress Youth Team will be awarded on a one horse/one youth basis (refer to Article IV, Section 2).
- (d) Hardship cases and/or conflicts can be brought before the Youth Advisors, who in turn may consult with NOQHA Adult Board on eligibility.

Section 4. Financial

- (a) To receive financial support, a youth must fulfill all their eligibility requirements, participate in team pictures, participate in qualified class at the NYATT, and participate in the parade of teams at the All American Quarter Horse Congress.