

INDIANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

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Article I

Title, Affiliation & Purpose

Section 1. Title: This Association shall be known as the Indiana Quarter Horse Association, Inc. and shall, at all times, be operated and conducted as a not for profit organization in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service and the State of Indiana.

Section 2. Affiliation: This Association shall be affiliated with the American Quarter Horse Association and shall conform to all of its rules and regulations.

Section 3. Mission Statement: To promote interest in the American Quarter Horse and to represent membership. To achieve the mission, the association seeks to:

- a. Educate
- b. Encourage humane care
- c. Promote the breed
- d. Adhere to the rules of AQHA
- e. Promote youth and adult activities and events.

Article II

Members

Section 1. Members of the Association shall be admitted, retained and expelled in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, adopt. In all matters governed by the vote of the members, each membership in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the members shall be held at such time and place as may be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting, provided that such annual meeting shall be held within six (6) months after the close of each fiscal year of the corporation and within the State of Indiana. Notice of the annual meeting shall be given by mailing notice stating time and place of such meeting to the last known address of each member in good standing, not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of such meeting.

Section 3. Special meeting of the members may be held at such time and place as may be designated in the notice, wherever called, in writing by direction of the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors, or by written petition signed by not less than one-tenth (1/10) members authorized to vote. Notice of each special meeting indicating briefly the object or objects thereof shall be given with not less than ten (10) days before the meeting in the same manner as provided with respect to notice of annual meetings.

Section 4. At any meeting of the members held in accordance with the foregoing provisions as to notice, 25 of those qualified by Articles of Incorporation to vote, as members represented in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. The Secretary, or any officer or member, designated by the Board of Directors, shall, at all times, keep at the principal office of the corporation, a complete and accurate list of all members entitled by the Articles of Incorporation to vote. Which list may be inspected by any member for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

Section 6. Any officer of the Association may call the meeting of the members to order and may act as president of such meeting. The order of authority shall be as follows: President, Vice-president, oldest District Vice-president in terms of service to the Board of Directors, Secretary and the Treasurer. In the absence of all such officers members present may elect a President.

Section 7. Whenever in these by-laws the term "member" or "members" shall be used, unless otherwise specified, it shall mean a member or members having the right to vote. In the case of family members, the membership application shall indicate the name of the voting member. If no such designation is made the name appearing first on the application shall be the voting member.

Section 8. Membership is a privilege, not a right and membership and/or application may be terminated or rejected by the Board of Directors for cause detrimental to the interest of the Association, or to its programs, policies, objectives or the harmonious relationship of its members as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Members will endeavor to foster harmonious relationships with other members by frank and good-faith discussion in meetings and events, and at all times be open-minded, recognizing that the expression of an opposing viewpoint is often healthy to ultimate decision making.

Section 10. No individual or group, regardless of organizational designation, shall represent themselves as an IQHA spokesperson without prior approval of the Board of Directors. This shall include, but is not limited to printed and/or electronic material.

Section 11. The Board of Directors shall have jurisdiction to invoke sanctions including revocation, suspension or denial of IQHA membership and its privileges.

Section 12. Whenever any member or non-member has violated any bylaw, rule or regulation, decision or policy of the IQHA, any such member or non-member may be disciplined, suspended, expelled, fined, and/or denied any or all of the privileges of membership, for a defined period of time in the future, if deemed appropriate. The standard upheld shall be the determination of the Board of Directors based upon information currently available, an informal procedure as compared to civil and/or criminal evidence or procedure.

Article III

Directors

Section 1. The affairs business and property of the Association shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors, and an executive committee hereinafter created and empowered.

Section 2. It is a privilege, not a right to serve on the Board of Directors. Throughout his/her tenure, a Director must (1) remain an IQHA member in good standing, (2) adhere to AQHA /IQHA rules and regulations pertaining to membership conduct, (3) conduct themselves in an exemplary manner such as to favorably reflect on the Board of Directors and IQHA, and (4) refrain from conduct that is detrimental to the interest of IQHA, its programs, policies, objectives and harmonious relationship of its members. A Director's conduct is subject to continual review, and a Director's service on the Board of Directors may be terminated or rejected by the Board of Directors with or without notice and formal hearing.

Section 3. Any director who engages in conduct which is, or may be detrimental to the Association shall be removed from office upon affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the Directors present at any meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present. The determination of whether a Director has engaged in conduct which is, or may be detrimental to the Association shall be within the complete discretion and jurisdiction of the Directors in attendance.

Elected Directors

Section 1: The number of elected Directors shall be twelve (12). Directors shall be elected at large, but will be apportioned by residence equally between the four districts as defined below:

- There shall be three Directors from each district.
- Directors shall be elected for three-year terms and within the district, the terms shall be staggered so that each year one (1) Director will be elected from each district.
- Each director elected to represent a district shall be an actual resident of the district, unless an eligible candidate is not available in that district. Each director shall be a current member in good standing and shall have been a member in good standing as of May 1st of the previous year.
- The AQHA National Directors, AQHA Honorary Vice President(s), Director At Large and Director Emeritus representing Indiana shall be deemed ex-officio directors with the right to attend meetings and vote on business matters of concern to the IQHA, provided that such persons are currently IQHA members in good standing and shall have been so since May 1st of the previous year, and have attended at least 50% of the meetings in the previous 12 months.

Section 2. For the purpose of electing Directors, there shall be four (4) representative districts in the State of Indiana, to be known as:

- a. Northwest District, which shall include the counties of Benton, Boone, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Fulton, Howard, Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Marshall, Miami, Montgomery, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, St. Joseph, Starke, Tippecanoe, Vermillion, Warren and White.
- b. Northeast District, which shall include the counties of Adams, Allen, Blackford, DeKalb, Delaware, Elkhart, Grant, Hamilton, Huntington, Jay, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Madison, Noble, Randolph, Steuben, Tipton, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley.
- c. Southeast District, which shall include the counties of Bartholomew, Brown, Clark, Crawford, Dearborn, Decatur, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Hancock, Harrison, Henry, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Johnson, Marion, Ohio, Ripley, Rush, Scott, Shelby, Switzerland, Union, Washington, and Wayne.
- d. Southwest District, which shall include the counties of Clay, Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Greene, Hendricks, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Morgan, Orange, Owen, Parke, Perry, Pike, Posey, Putnam, Spencer, Sullivan, Vanderburgh, Vigo and Warrick.

Section 3. In case of any vacancy of the Board of Directors by death, resignation, disqualification, increase in numbers or other cause, the remaining Directors, by affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors, as then constituted, may appoint a successor.

Section 4. The regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held before the regular annual meeting of the members each year. At this meeting the existing directors shall meet and elect the officers for the following year. The newly elected officers shall assume office immediately.

Notice of the regular annual meeting of the directors shall be sent separate from the notice of the members' regular meeting. Notice of directors' regular annual meeting shall be mailed no later than 10 days prior to the meeting date.

Section 5. A special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by direction of the President or by notice to all directors signed by four directors. The Secretary shall give notice of each special meeting by mailing, telephoning, or e-mailing the same to each director at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting, but such notice may be waived by any director. Unless otherwise indicated in the notice thereof, any and all business may be transacted at a special meeting. Any meeting at which every director may be present, even though without any notice, any business may be transacted.

Section 6. A majority of the number of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but if at any meeting of the board 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, provided, however, for filling of vacancies which shall require a majority of the existing directors for a quorum.

Section 7. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly when deemed necessary, but not less than six times per year. These regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to the membership. Should the President determine that the Board of Directors need to meet in Executive Session, such meetings may be closed.

Section 8. At meetings of the Board of Directors or at meetings of the members, the order of business shall be as follows:

- a. Roll Call
- b. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting
- c. Treasurer's report
- d. Communications
- e. Comments from National Directors
- f. Old and unfinished business
- g. New business
- h. Committee reports

Any questions about priority or order of business shall be determined by the President without debate.

Section 9. The written contracts of the Association shall be executed on behalf of the Association by the President, or in his absence, the Vice-president and attested by the Secretary.

Section 10. A letter shall be sent to each Director who has missed two (2) consecutive meetings or four (4) meetings within one year, requesting explanation of the absences. If no good cause is shown, the Director shall be terminated by a majority vote of the Directors present.

Members of the Board of Directors shall pay their annual dues on or before March 1st of the current year. If the dues are not paid by this date the Director shall be notified by certified mail of payment due and will be given 15 days to make the payment. Should the Director fail to make the payment within the 15 days, he/she shall be removed from the Board of Directors.

Section 11. Executive Committee. The President, the Vice-president and the four (4) District Vice-presidents constitute the Executive Committee which shall have and exercise all of the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Corporation; but such committee shall not operate to relieve the Board of Directors or any member thereof of any responsibility imposed upon it or her/him by law.

Section 12. The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, alter, amend or repeal and enforce such rules and regulation, not contrary to law or the certificate of Incorporation or these by-laws, as they deem expedient concerning the conduct, management and activities of the Association, the admission, classification, qualification, suspension and expulsion of members, removal of officers, the rules and regulations governing the procedure of such suspension and expulsion and removal, the fixing and collecting of dues and fees, the expenditure of money, the auditing of books and records, the establishment of an Indiana Point System, the conducting of show, exhibits, sales and social functions and other details relating to the general purposes of the Association.

Section 13. In case of any vacancy in the AQHA Board of Directors (National Directors) by death, resignation, disqualification, increase in number or other cause the IQHA Board of Directors shall recommend a replacement for such National Director position. Such person shall be nominated and selected by a majority vote of the IQHA Board of Directors.

Article IV Officers & Duties

Section 1. The Officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-president, four (4) District Vice-presidents, one from each representative district as herein designated, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be authorized, from time to time, by the Board of Directors, and such officers shall hold office for the period of one (1) year or until their successors are elected and qualified. Such officers shall be elected from the existing Board of Directors and Executive Committee.- Such person shall be selected by a majority vote of the IQHA Board of Directors. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

Section 2. President: The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. He/she shall see that the By-laws, rules and regulations of the Association are enforced and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. He/she shall appoint (with the approval of the Board of Directors) all committee chairpersons except the Amateur and Youth Committees. The Amateur and Youth Committees shall consist of the officers of their respective organizations, with the chairperson being the President of said organization. She/he and the Vice-president shall be members ex-officio of all committees, with the exception of the Nominating Committee. The President shall not serve more than four consecutive terms. If the President is elected and has an unexpired term remaining as Director, the individual representing the President's district with the second highest number of votes in the General Election would serve that term. The President will assume any remaining term as Director after he/she completes his term as President.

Section 3.

- a. Vice-president: In the absence of the President the Vice-president shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.
- b. District Vice-president: The District Vice-president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and shall be in charge of the activities of the Association in his/her respective district, subject to the direction of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Secretary: The Secretary shall oversee the recording of the minutes of all the membership and Directors' meetings. She/he shall manage the custodian of all documents and records of the Association. She/he shall oversee collection of all monies due the Association and turn the same over to the Treasurer. She/he shall be ex-officio Secretary of all committees and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Section 5. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall supervise the receipt of the money turned over to her/him by the Secretary and all other money. She/he shall approve disbursement of the same only upon itemized demands and upon order of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee. She/he shall account for all of the same by itemized statements to each annual meeting of the members and to the Board when demanded.

The Treasurer shall submit to the Board of Directors by November 1, a detailed budget of the proposed and anticipated expenditures for the forthcoming fiscal year of IQHA. This budget shall be prepared by the treasurer in consultation with and recommendation by the Audit/Finance committee of the Association. Upon approval of said budget, or its modification, it becomes binding on the officers of the IQHA and cannot be exceeded by more than two percent (2%) of the total amount without a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors. The treasurer will serve as a member of the Audit and Finance Committee.

Section 6. Auditing of the Accounts: This Association shall conduct its affairs on the fiscal year basis, the same to begin on December 1st and ending on the last day of November. The Board shall require an audit of the accounts of the Secretary and the Treasurer, which shall be prepared and submitted to the Board of Directors at the meeting following the annual meeting

Section 7. Surety Bonds: The Secretary and Treasurer and all other officers or employees of the Association who may have the handling of funds of the Association shall give a surety bond to be furnished at the expense of the Association for faithful discharge of his/her duties if so required by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Vacancies: All vacancies in the offices of the Association may be filled by an appointment from a majority vote of the Board of Directors for the unexpired term of the seat being vacated. Those so appointed shall serve until the election and acceptance of their duly qualified successors.

Section 9. The Board of Directors, from time to time, may contract and empower additional individuals or corporations to assist with the business of the association.

Article V Committees

Section 1. All committee chairpersons of this Corporation shall be chosen as provided in Article IV, Section 2 and will be appointed within sixty (60) days of election of the new officers.

Section 2. Standing Committees shall be as follows:

4-H Horse Award, Amateur, Audit and Finance, Awards, Convention, Corporate Sponsors, Futurity, Horseback Riding Program, Membership and Marketing, Open Show Program, Queen Contest, Rules and By-laws, Trail Ride, Youth

Section 3: Each Committee shall function and perform such duties and in such manner as may be directed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors and such Committees shall be required to submit their recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval.

Section 4. The Board of Directors, from time to time, may create and empower other committees in addition to the standing committees hereinafter provided for, either general or special.

Article VI Show Approval

Section 1. All organizations, clubs or individuals desiring to stage or sponsor shows or contests which will be recognized by the Indiana Quarter Horse Association, Inc. and which will include the awarding of points to the top horses entered to count in the Indiana point system will obtain approval of this Association.

Section 2. Procedure for approval shall be governed by rules adopted by the American Quarter Horse Association and reflected in their current edition of the official Handbook of the American Quarter Horse Association.

Section 3. No show will be approved by this Association unless and until IQHA obtains a copy of the application for the approval of the American Quarter Horse Association. Application for IQHA approval must be filed with the Association Secretary at least 90 days prior to the show date. Proof of AQHA approval must be filed with IQHA Secretary prior to the show.

Section 4. Show committees will be informed by IQHA of the specific requirements for an IQHA approved show. Failure to fulfill these requirements can result in show approval being denied the following year.

Results for classes that are approved by IQHA only (Indiana Owner Hunter under Saddle, Indiana Owner Western Pleasure, Walk-Trot, Lead Line and Yearling Longe Line) may be submitted in any form that lists the following:

1. Number of entries judged in the class
2. Places awarded, including:
 - a. Horse's name (as shown on AQHA records)
 - b. Exhibitor's name
 - c. Owner's name and relationship to exhibitor

Section 5. The request for IQHA show approval must be accompanied by a show approval fee of \$25.00 per show date and a \$125.00 fee for the showbill to be printed in the IQHA Directory and included on the IQHA website. A copy of the AQHA show application will be accepted as an approval request. The showbill must be submitted electronically on a disk or via e-mail to the IQHA Directory editor in an approved format. If the showbill is not electronically submitted, a \$25.00 setup fee will be charged.

Section 6. Guidelines for an AQHA Introductory Show are as follows:

1. AQHA defers to the State Affiliates for approval of Introductory Show dates. IQHA will always consider allowing any Introductory Show.
2. An Introductory Show will be allowed provided that there is no other AQHA approved event in the State of Indiana on the same date requested.
3. If there is an AQHA approved event that is also IQHA approved, in the State of Indiana on the same date, an Introductory Show may still be allowed, provided that the location of the show is greater than 150 miles shortest driving distance from the AQHA/IQHA approved event.
4. If there is an AQHA approved event that is not IQHA approved, the Introductory Show may still be allowed, regardless of location, provided that it does not offer similar classes to those offered at the AQHA event.
5. No Introductory Show will automatically be granted IQHA approval for IQHA points. Special consideration by the IQHA Board of Directors is required if IQHA approval is requested. Applications will be considered by the date received in the IQHA office. Requests for approval of Introductory Shows must be submitted annually.

Article VII

Show & Contest Rules & Regulations

Section 1. IQHA may accept rulings of suspension of the Executive Committee of American Quarter Horse Association, the effect of which is to suspend, for an equal time, privilege of IQHA membership; or if AQHA's sanction pertains to suspension of participation privileges in AQHA approved events, participation privileges of the penalized person in IQHA approved events or receipt of year-end awards or any other recognition for achievements during term of the AQHA suspension. The disciplined person may appeal to IQHA for review of his or her AQHA suspension, requesting it not be given reciprocity. The appeal must be in writing and received by IQHA within ten (10) days from the date notice is given by IQHA of its acceptance of the AQHA sanction, and the effect on the person's IQHA privileges, setting forth the facts the applicant believes to be grounds for further hearing by IQHA.

Article VIII

Election & Nominating Committee Rules

Section 1. Appointments: A Chairperson and four (4) members shall be appointed by the President to the Nominating Committee on or before July 1st of each year. There shall be at least one (1) member of the Committee from each District.

Section 2. Nominations: The Nominating Committee shall meet and nominate candidates for a Director(s) from each district.

Section 3. Notice of Election: No later than the September mailing, the Nominating Committee shall furnish to the Secretary its nominations. The Secretary shall then send notices to all members the Nominating Committee's selections and direct that in the event any member wishes to nominate any additional members as Directors they may do so by notifying the Secretary in writing,

which shall be in the form of a petition, requesting the nominee be placed on the official ballot and supported by the written consent of the proposed nominee and five (5) members of the Association. Such petition must reach the Secretary by October 15th. The nominees of the Nominating Committee must likewise consent to their nominations.

Section 4. Ballots: The annual election of Directors shall be held by mail on paper ballots. Ballots will be counted at a called meeting of the Board of Directors.

Article IX

Amendments

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, amend and repeal the by-laws of the association by vote of the majority of the directors present at any regular or special meeting of the Board. Said changes shall be effective immediately unless otherwise directed by the Board. All proposed changes in the by-laws must be submitted in writing to all Directors at least ten (10) days before the meeting at which said changes shall be considered.

Article X

Section 1. Whenever not otherwise specified by these by-laws, Roberts Rules of Order, Revised will be the final authority on procedure.

Article XI

Indemnification

Section 1. Third Party Actions. The Association shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, or any appeal thereof (other than an action by or in the right of the Association) by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director or officer of another not-for-profit corporation or organization, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, penalties, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of guilty or of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

Section 2. Actions by or on Behalf of the Association. The Association shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director or officer of another not-for-profit corporation or organization, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonable believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association; except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duty to the Association unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonable entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.

Section 3. Successful Defenses. If and to the extent that a director or officer has been successful (on the merits or otherwise) in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding mentioned in sections 1 and 2 or in the defense of any claim or issue therein, the Association shall indemnify him or her against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection therewith.

Section 4. Determination. Any indemnification under sections 1 and 2 (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Association only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director or officer is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in sections 1 and 2. Such determination shall be made (a) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum

consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, or (b) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (c) by the voting members.

Section 5. Advances. Expenses incurred in investigating or defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Board of Directors in the specific case upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director or officer to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he or she is entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized in this Article.

Section 6. Non-Exclusivity. The right of indemnification provided in this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under the law of Indiana then in effect or under any resolution or contract adopted or approved by the voting members or the Board of Directors of the Association pursuant and subject to the law of Indiana then in effect. To the extent permitted by the law of Indiana then in effect, the Board of Directors may authorize indemnification of persons who are employees or agents of the Association as employees or agents of another not-for-profit corporation or organization.

Section 7. Successors. The indemnification provided by this Article shall continue in effect as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer, and shall inure to the benefit of his or her personal representatives, legatees, and heirs.

Section 8. Insurance. The Association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director or officer of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director or officer of another not-for-profit corporation or organization, against any liability asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify him or her against such liability under the provisions of this resolution.

Section 9. Amendment. This Article having been adopted by the affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors on the date of its adoption, it cannot be amended or rescinded otherwise than by the affirmative votes of a majority of the Board of Directors on the date of such amendment or rescission.

Article XII

Section 1. If any section of any part of these by-laws or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other sections, parts or applications of these by-laws which can be given effect without the invalid section of any part and to this end the provisions of these by-laws are severable.

Grievance Committee

This committee is for the general purpose of creating an atmosphere of good conduct within the association. If, at any time, any person feels it necessary to file a complaint, she/he should mail to the Executive Secretary a letter outlining the complaint and the circumstances and facts surrounding the complaint. The Executive Secretary shall, in turn, refer said complaint to the Grievance Committee. If, after investigation, the committee feels it necessary, a hearing will be held, and all parties involved will be required to appear. The findings of this committee shall be forwarded to the IQHA Board of Directors for their disposition, which shall be binding.

IQHA Point System

Eligibility

1. Only horses owned or leased by IQHA members will receive points. Points will be counted beginning on and after the postmarked or electronic send date of membership payment. A copy of the AQHA Showing Lease Form must be submitted to the IQHA Secretary before points will be counted for any horse shown in the Open Division that is not owned by an IQHA member, but leased by an IQHA member. Points will be counted beginning on or after postmarked or electronic send date of Showing Lease Form.

In the event that a membership payment is paid at an IQHA sponsored horse show, points will start accumulating after the show secretary receives payment for the membership. Additionally, payment for membership must be received prior to the start of, or participation in, an event in which the exhibitor wishes to receive points. As such, an exhibitor cannot make

payment at the completion of a day's events or the end of a horse show and retroactively receive points for classes in which they previously participated.

2. An IQHA family membership includes the named member, his or her spouse, and minor children eligible as AQHA Youth exhibitors. There must be a family membership in IQHA for a horse owned by a youth to receive points in open classes. Names and birth dates of youth exhibitors must be listed on family membership applications.

3. Farms and corporations must have separate membership in order to nominate horses owned in farm or corporate names. If a horse is co-owned, both or all owners must be IQHA members in order to nominate that horse.

4. A transfer of ownership of a nominated horse must be reported to the IQHA Secretary within ten (10) days. Change of ownership will not affect the points in open classes, provided that the new owner of record is or becomes an IQHA member within the ten (10) day period.

5. AMATEURS PLEASE NOTE: To be eligible for IQHAA amateur points, the exhibitor must be a member of both IQHA and IQHAA. See Amateur rules for further information.

6. Any falsified information will cause forfeiture of all fees and points. The member will be entitled to a hearing by the IQHA Board of Directors and a decision will be made by the Board of Directors.

Classes

1. IQHA points will be awarded in the following classes in shows which have been officially approved by AQHA and IQHA. These classes will be judged in accordance with the current AQHA Official Handbook. All horses must be registered or eligible for registration with AQHA.

Weanling fillies	Weanling colts	Yearling geldings
Yearling fillies	Yearling Stallions	Two-year-old geldings
Two-year-old Mares	Two-year-old Stallions	Three-year-old geldings
Three-year-old Mares	Three-year-old Stallions	Geldings 4 & older
Mares 4 & older	Stallions 4 & older	Performance Halter Geldings
Performance Halter Mares	Performance Halter Stallions	
Two-year-old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure		
Green Western Pleasure	Junior Western Pleasure (5 yrs & Under)	Sr. Western Pleasure (6 yrs & Over)
Green Hunter Under Saddle	Junior Hunter under Saddle (5 yrs & under)	Senior Hunter under Saddle (6 yrs & over)
Green Working Hunter	Progressive Working Hunter	Working Hunter
Hunter Hack	Pleasure Driving	Jumping
Ranch Riding	Working Cowhorse	Cutting
Calf Roping	Dally Team Roping-Heading	Dally Team Roping-Heeling
Team Penning	Barrel Racing	Pole Bending
Green Trail	Trail	Reining
Green Western Riding	Western Riding	

2. IQHA points will be awarded in the following classes, which are not AQHA approved. Rider must be 19 years of age or older. Horse must be owned and ridden by a resident of Indiana. The rider must be the owner or a member of the owner's immediate family, i.e. father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister or spouse. Points will be awarded on a one horse/one exhibitor combination basis.

Indiana Owner Rider Western Pleasure

Indiana Owner Rider Hunter Under Saddle

3. IQHA points will be awarded in IQHA approved Yearling Longe Line Classes.

Point Computation

1. Points will be awarded on the basis of records submitted by show committee. IQHA is not responsible for errors or omissions on entry forms or show results.
 - ☐ An exhibitor may petition for corrections of error of any reports on any show results by filing a request and proof of error with the IQHA Board of Directors. The petition must be filed within five (5) days after the standings are published by IQHA, prior to the annual point audit.
 - ☐ The Board of Directors shall be the governing body in all matters pertinent to the IQHA Points System.
2. The point system will run from November 1st to October 31st of each calendar year. The winner of any award must be a member in good standing at the termination of the point year.
3. Points will be awarded through the eight places required by AQHA on judge's card. Larger classes in which AQHA requires additional placings on the judge's card will have IQHA points awarded through those required placings.
4. One point for every horse defeated plus one point for the exhibitor will be awarded, to a maximum of 50 points per class.
5. No horse will be given more points than it actually earned merely because the horse placing ahead of it was not eligible for points.
6. If a stallion is gelded, his stallion halter points cannot be counted in a gelding halter class. A horse may receive year-end awards as both a stallion and a gelding.
7. The Grand Champion of each sex division will receive one point more than any other horse in its division, and the Reserve Champion will receive points equal to any other horse in its division.

Year-end Class Awards

1. Year-end awards will be made to six (6) places in halter and performance classes listed above.
2. In order to qualify for a Year End Class Award, a horse must have placed in the same class in a minimum of five (5) shows.
3. Placings from all IQHA approved horse shows for each horse in each class will be counted in determining all Year End Class Awards.
 - a. In the event of a tie for the high point award for any class, the horse with the greatest number of first place winnings will be declared the year end high point winner. Should a tie still exist after counting all first place winnings, the greatest number of the next highest placings will be counted until the tie is broken.
 - b. In the event of a tie for any subsequent placings, duplicate awards will be given.
4. Bonus points may be awarded for special events, shows, or classes at the direction of the IQHA Board of Directors. Bonus points thus awarded will be counted toward Year End Class Awards, but not towards High Point Awards.

High Point Awards

1. High Point and Reserve High Point Awards will be given in three (3) categories: High Point Halter Horse, High Point Performance Horse and High Point All-Around Horse.
2. Bonus points, Indiana Owner/Rider points, and points earned in Green classes will not be included in tabulations for High Point Awards.
3. High Point Halter Horse
 - a. Horse of any age or sex earning the greatest number of halter points.
 - b. To qualify for this award, a horse must have qualified for a Year End Class award in at least one halter class by placing in a minimum of five (5) shows.

- c. Although a horse may not have qualified for a Year End Class Award in additional halter classes, points earned in those classes will count towards the High Point Halter Horse Award.
 - d. In the event of a tie for the High Point Halter Horse Award, the horse with the greatest number of first place winnings will be declared the winner. Should a tie still exist after counting all first place winnings, the greatest number of the next highest placings will be counted until the tie is broken.
 - e. In the event of a tie for the Reserve High Point Halter Horse, duplicate awards will be given.
4. High Point Performance Horse
- a. Horse of any age or sex earning the greatest number of performance points in open events, excluding Green and Indiana Owner/Rider classes.
 - b. To qualify for this award, the horse must have qualified for a Year End Class Award, by placing in a minimum of five (5) shows, in a minimum of two (2) performance classes, excluding Green and Indiana Owner/Rider classes.
 - c. Although a horse may not have qualified for Year End Class Awards in additional performance classes, points earned in those classes will count towards the High Point Performance Horse Award.
 - d. In the event of a tie for the High Point Performance Horse award, the horse with the greatest number of first place winnings will be declared the winner. Should a tie still exist after counting all first place winnings, the greatest number of the next highest placings will be counted until the tie is broken.
 - e. In the event of a tie for Reserve High Point Performance Horse, duplicate awards will be given.
5. High Point All-Around Horse
- a. Horse must finish the year in the IQHA Point System in the top ten places in a minimum of one (1) halter class and in each of a minimum of two (2) performance classes, excluding Green and Indiana Owner/Rider classes, and must have qualified for a Year End Class Award in those classes by placing in a minimum of five (5) shows.
 - b. Although a horse may not have qualified for a Year End Class Award in additional classes, the points earned in those classes, excluding Green and Indiana Owner/Rider classes, will count towards the High Point All Around Horse.
 - c. In the event of a tie for the High Point All Around Horse, the horse with the greatest number of first place winnings will be declared the winner. Should a tie still exist after counting all first place winnings, the greatest number of the next highest placings will be counted until the tie is broken.
 - d. In the event of a tie for Reserve High Point All Around Horse, duplicate awards will be given.

Open Show Awards Program Rules

1. Horse MUST be a registered quarter horse. Horse does NOT have to be owned by the exhibitor to participate in the Open Show Program. However, to exhibit in an AQHA approved event, AQHA's ownership rules will apply or a Novice Permit is required.
2. Exhibitor MUST be a MEMBER OF IQHA prior to show date. A family IQHA membership entitles all family members to participate in the Open Show Awards Program. Membership in Amateur (IQHAA) or Youth (IQHYA) Association is optional.
3. An annual nomination fee of \$10.00 per division for each horse/rider team must accompany the initial point form. This is in addition to the annual \$35.00 IQHA membership.
4. Points are awarded per horse/rider team.
5. Points accumulated as a youth will transfer to the adult division. Tiny Tot points do not transfer to Youth.
6. Points will carry over from year to year. However, the Open Show Point Coordinator must receive all point forms within 30 days of the show date.

7. The point year runs from November 1st to October 31st annually. Point forms must be received by October 31st to count toward the current year. Point forms received after October 31st will count toward the next year.

8. No maximum number of points at a single show.

9. Open Show Points can be earned in events or classes that are open to all breeds and colors at any show or event IN INDIANA. This includes 4-H Fairs, Saddle Club Shows, Open Shows, etc. Approved Breed Show classes for Quarter Horse, Palomino, Buckskin, Paint & Pinto, etc. are excluded. At AQHA Novice and Introductory Shows, AQHA Open, Amateur and Youth, Novice Amateur and Novice Youth, Indiana-Owner Rider and Small Fry classes are not eligible for Open Show points as they are AQHA, IQHA, IQHAA and/or IQHYA approved.

10. BONUS POINTS! Two (2) Bonus Points will be awarded for exhibiting in an AQHA approved event IN INDIANA. An AQHA event is a single judged show or any number of multi judged shows held on consecutive days at the same location. The horse rider combination MUST participate in a class relating to the Open Show Division(s) in which they are nominated to qualify for bonus points. (Div. 1a any Walk-Trot or Leadline class, Div. 2 any Halter or Showmanship class, Div. 3 any Western Performance class, Div. 4 any Hunt Seat Performance class and Div. 1B and Div. 5 any timed event.) Point forms MUST indicate at least one (1) class shown in each division. No regular Open Show points can be earned in AQHA/IQHA approved classes. At AQHA Novice and Introductory Shows Bonus Points are earned for participating in an approved event and Open Show Points in the non-AQHA/IQHA approved classes. Anyone showing in an approved AQHA event must be a member of AQHA (memberships are available at the events).

11. No year-end or merit awards will be given based on bonus points alone. The horse/rider combination must actually show in and earn Open Show Points in the Division(s) in which they have nominated at a minimum of five (5) open shows to qualify for a year end award.

12. Any show that is double judged counts as two (2) separate shows — two (2) sets of points — submit two (2) forms, one for each show/judge.

13. Champion and Reserve Champion classes also count. Two (2) points are awarded for each Grand Championship and one (1) point is awarded for each Reserve Championship. No regular Open Show Points can be earned in Championship classes.

14. In Speed Performance Divisions (5A and 5B) nominees competing in 2-D, 3-D and 4-D classes use the Point Schedule for your division placing. In open classes (not 2-D, 3-D or 4-D format, use the 1-D schedule).

DIVISIONS (age as of January 1)

1a. Tiny Tot Pleasure — 9 & under. All participants receive awards.

Eligible classes: 9 & under Halter/Showmanship, Walk Only, Walt-trot, Leadline or any class not requiring a canter.

1b. Tiny Tot Speed — 9 & under. All participants receive awards.

Eligible classes: 9 & under Pee Wee barrels, poles or any timed event

2a. Youth Halter/Showmanship, 18 years & under

2b. Adult Halter/Showmanship, 19 years & over.

Eligible classes: Any halter or showmanship

3a. Youth Western Performance, 18 years & under

3b. Adult Western Performance, 19 years & over

Eligible classes: Any Western pleasure, Horsemanship, Trail, Western Riding, Reining, Bareback, etc.

4a. Youth Hunt Seat Performance

4b. Adult Hunt Seat Performance

Eligible classes: Any Hunter under Saddle, English Pleasure, Equitation, Pleasure driving, fence classes, etc.

5a. Youth Speed Performance

5b. Adult Speed Performance

Eligible classes: Any barrels, poles, stake race, flags, keyhole, roping, team penning, or any timed event.

Warm up and/or Exhibition classes must be placed by the sponsoring show committee to count.

Awards

Annual Division High Point Awards (Tack)

- ☐☐☐ Must earn a minimum of 25 points annually to qualify for year-end high point awards
- ☐☐☐ Top 6 places receive awards
- ☐☐☐ 7th through 10th receive certificates
- ☐☐☐ All qualifiers (those who earn 25 points or more but are not top ten) receive participation certificates.

Cumulative Division Merit Awards (Plaques)

- ☐☐☐ Bronze — 50 points (1 division)
- ☐☐☐ Silver — 100 points (1 division)
- ☐☐☐ Gold — 200 points (1 division)

Higher Merit Awards

- ☐☐☐ Superior — 300 points (1 division)
- ☐☐☐ Supreme — 500 points (1 division)
- ☐☐☐ Division Champion — 1,000 points (1 division)

All-around — 300 points (3 different divisions, minimum 50 points per division)

Versatility Champion — 500 points (3 different divisions, minimum 100 points per division)

Point Schedules

Point Schedule for Tiny Tot Pleasure, Halter/Showmanship, Western Performance and Hunt Seat Performance

# in class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
3-5	1									
6-9	2	1								
10-14	3	2	1							
15-19	4	3	2	1						
20-24	5	4	3	2	1					
25-29	6	5	4	3	2	1				
30-34	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
35-39	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
40-44	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
45 & over	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Point Schedule for Tiny Tot Speed & Speed Divisions — 1st Division (1-D placings) and all open classes not 2-D or 3-D

# in class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
3-6	1									
6-9	2	1								
10-14	3	2	1							
15-19	4	3	2	1						
20-24	5	4	3	2	1					
25-29	6	5	4	3	2	1				
30-34	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
35-39	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
40-44	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

45 & over 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Point Schedule for Speed Divisions — 2nd Division (2-D placings)

in class 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th

3-14 1

15-24 2 1

25-34 3 2 1

35-44 4 3 2 1

45 & over 5 4 3 2 1

Point Schedule for Speed Divisions — 3rd Division (3-D placings)

in class 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th

3-14 ½

15-24 1 ½

25-34 1½ 1 ½

35-44 2 1½ 1 ½

45 & over 2½ 2 1½ 1 ½

Point Schedule for Speed Divisions — 4th Division (4-D placings)

in class 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th

3-24 ½

25-34 1 ½

35-44 1½ 1 ½

45 & over 2 1½ 1 ½

Indiana Quarter Horse Service Award

The Indiana Quarter Horse Service Award is an award to be given to a recipient who has been an IQHA member for ten (10) or more years and who has/had given unselfish service to IQHA. The recipient is to be selected by committee before November 1st of the current year. The award includes an Honorary Life Membership in the Indiana Quarter Horse Association with full privileges thereof. The award is to be presented at the IQHA annual banquet.

Golden Spur Award

The Golden Spur Award was established to recognize an individual who greatly contributed to the IQHA during the past year. Areas of consideration are the work she/he did for the IQHA, ideas for further growth and promotion of the Quarter Horse in Indiana, participation in volunteer events as well as IQHA sponsored events and general good sportsmanship. Any current year member of the IQHA is eligible. The recipient will be selected by the Membership and Marketing Committee before the end of the current year. The award is to be presented annually at the IQHA Banquet and Convention.

IQHA Futurities

In 1963 the IQHA Futurity was established by the Indiana Quarter Horse Association. In 2010 the IQHA Futurity was removed from the Bylaws in order to open the futurity.

IQHA Policy

Any member may be suspended and denied privileges of the Association and any non-member may be denied the privileges of the Association by the IQHA Board of Directors for failure to pay when due any obligation owing to the Association (which includes the Indiana Quarter Horse Directory), or any IQHA sponsored show or for giving a worthless check for entry fees, stall fees, office charges, stock charges, or any other fees or charges including bank charges for a returned check connected with the exhibition of horses, provided however, that fifteen (15) days before action by the Board of Directors personal or written notice of the account due and the intention to suspend or withhold privileges of the Association shall be mailed to such member or non-member. Upon suspension by the IQHA Board of Directors, the name of the member or non-member may be published on the Indiana Quarter Horse Association website or in the Indiana Quarter Horse Association Directory. Any suspension and denial of privileges under this section shall be terminated upon full payment of the obligation due the Association.

General Notice Procedure

Every notice required by these rules and regulations may be served by delivering a copy of the notice to the person to be served, or his attorney, either in person, or by mail, postage prepaid, to his last known address as it appears on the Association records, and upon mailing, such notice shall be deemed received by such person when it is deposited in the United States mail.

IQHA Youth Team Support

The Indiana Quarter Horse Association will contribute towards expenses for the IQHYA.

Indiana Quarter Horse Amateur Association

Eligibility

A person is considered eligible for an Amateur Exhibitor's card by the American Quarter Horse Association when he/she is no longer eligible to show in AQHA Youth classes, and who has not shown, judged, trained, or assisted in training a horse for remuneration, either directly or indirectly, nor received compensation for instructing another person in driving, riding, training or showing a horse in competition for the previous three (3) calendar years. Any approved horse show judge is ineligible.

Premium money is not considered remuneration, but payment of entry fees, expense, etc. by any person other than the contestant or the contestant's immediate family member shall be considered remuneration.

Every exhibitor in an Amateur or Novice Amateur class must possess an Amateur Exhibitor Card issued by the American Quarter Horse Association.

Any horse exhibited must be owned by the contestant showing the horse, or by the contestant's immediate family member. Such ownership must be evidenced by the records of the Association and the certificate of registration of such horse must show the owner by proper endorsement of the Association at the time the horse is entered in any amateur class.

Refer to the current edition of the American Quarter Horse Association Official Handbook for the definition of immediate family member and additional information regarding the eligibility for exhibition in AQHA Amateur and Novice Amateur events.

By-laws

Article I

Title, Affiliation & Purpose

Section 1. Title: This Association shall be a committee of the Indiana Quarter Horse Association, shall be known as the Indiana Quarter Horse Amateur Association, and shall be operated and conducted under the rules and regulations of the Indiana Quarter Horse Association and the American Quarter Horse Association.

Section 2. Affiliation: This Association shall be affiliated with the Indiana Quarter Horse Association in addition to the American Quarter Horse Association and shall conform to all of their rules and regulations.

Section 3. Object & Purpose: The object and purpose of the Association shall be to promote the breeding and showing of Quarter Horses by Amateur owners and exhibitors. In furtherance thereof this Association shall:

- a. Encourage good breeding, care and training of Quarter Horses.
- b. Bring the communities of Indiana quality horse shows featuring the Quarter Horse.
- c. Cultivate friendly relations and mutual understanding among Amateur owners and exhibitors.
- d. Further the principles of the Indiana Quarter Horse Association and the American Quarter Horse Association by insistence upon close adherence to all their rules and regulations.

- e. Encourage high ethical standards of sportsmanship and competition among all amateur owners and exhibitors.
- f. Promote, develop and improve the capabilities of amateur horsemen and women in breeding raising and exhibiting Quarter Horses.

Article II

Members

Section 1. Members of the Association shall be current members in good standing of the Indiana Quarter Horse Association and be eligible for an AQHA Amateur Card. Membership shall be on an individual basis. There shall be no family memberships.

Section 2. Members of the Association shall be admitted and retained in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Executive Board may, from time to time, adopt. Regarding all matters governed by the vote of the members, each member in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 3. The annual meeting of the members shall be held at such time and place as may be fixed by resolution of the Executive Board, for the purpose of installing Officers and Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting. Notice of the annual meeting, stating the time and place of such meeting, shall be sent via email or US mail to the last known address of each member in good standing, not less than ten (10) days prior to the dates of such meeting.

Section 4. A special meeting of the members may be called by the President or by a majority of the Executive Board, or by a written petition signed by not less than one-tenth (1/10) of all the members authorized to vote. Notice of the special meeting, stating the time and place of such meeting, shall be sent via email or US mail to the last known address of each member in good standing, not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of such meeting.

Section 5. At any meeting of the members held in accordance with the foregoing provisions as to notice, eight (8) members present shall constitute a quorum

Section 6. The Secretary, or any officer or member designated by the Executive Board, shall, at all times, keep a complete and accurate list of all members entitled to vote, which list may be inspected by any member for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

Section 7. Any officer of the Association may call the meeting of the members to order and may act as President of such meeting, precedence being given as follows: President, Vice-president, Oldest Director in terms of service to the Board, Secretary. In the absence of all such officers, members present may elect a President.

Section 8. Whenever in these by-laws the term "member" or "members" shall be used, unless otherwise specified, it shall mean a member or members having the right to vote.

Article III

Executive Board

Section 1. The affairs, business and property of the Association shall be managed and controlled by the Executive Board, consisting of the Officers and the elected Directors. The number of Directors shall be a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of ten (10). Directors shall be elected at large for three (3) year terms, and the terms shall be staggered.

Section 2. The following category of persons shall be deemed ex-officio Directors without the right to vote but with the privilege of attending Directors' meetings and expressing opinions therein:

- a. The immediate past President
- b. The immediate past Vice-president
- c. The Officers of the Indiana Quarter Horse Association
- d. The Directors of the Indiana Quarter Horse Association
- e. The Indiana Quarter Horse Association National Directors.

In the event any of the above persons are also elected Directors, then their right to vote as elected Directors is not eliminated by this section.

Section 3. In case of vacancy on the Executive Board by death, resignation, disqualification or other cause, the remaining Board members, by affirmative vote of a majority of the Board members present may appoint a successor.

Section 4. The officers and directors shall be elected at the annual membership meeting each year.

Section 5. A special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by direction of the President or by notice to all Directors signed by two (2) Directors. The Secretary shall give notice of each special meeting by mailing, emailing or telephoning the same to each Director at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting, but such notice may be waived by any Executive Board member. Unless otherwise indicated in the notice thereof, any and all business may be transacted at a special meeting. Any meeting at which every Director may be present, even though without any notice, any business may be transacted.

Section 6. A majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but if at any meeting of the Board 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, provided, however, for filling of vacancies which shall require a majority of the existing Directors for a quorum.

Section 7. The written contracts of the Association shall be executed in behalf of the Association by the President or, in his/her absence, the Vice-president and attested by the Secretary; or such other persons as may be authorized by the Executive Board.

Section 8. At meetings of the Executive Board or at meetings of the members, the order of business shall be as determined by the Board or in the absence of such determination, as follows:

- a. Roll Call
- b. Reading the minutes of previous meetings
- c. Treasurer's Report
- d. Other Officer's Reports
- e. Special project and/or Committee Reports
- f. Old and Unfinished Business
- g. New Business; any questions regarding priority or order of business shall be decided by the President without debate.

Section 9. A letter shall be sent to each Director or Officer who has missed two (2) consecutive meetings requesting explanation of the absences. If no good cause is shown, the Director or Officer shall be requested to sign a letter of resignation or be terminated by a majority vote of the Directors present.

Section 10. The Executive Board shall have the power to make, alter amend or repeal and enforce such rules and regulations, not contrary to law or the by-laws of the Association, as they deem expedient concerning the conduct, management and activities of the Association, the admission, classification, qualification, suspension and expulsion of members, removal of officer, the rules and regulations governing the procedure of such suspension and expulsion and removal, the fixing and collecting of dues and fees, the expenditure of money, the auditing of the books and records, the conducting of shows, exhibits, clinics, sales and/or social functions and other details relating to the general purposes of the Association.

Article IV
Officers & Duties

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-president, Secretary, and such other Officers as may be authorized, from time to time, by the Board of Directors, and such Officers shall hold office for the period of one (1) year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 2. President: The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Directors. She/He shall see that the by-laws, rules and regulations of the Association are enforced and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. She/He shall appoint (with approval of the Board of Directors) all committee chairpersons and she/he shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall vote only in the event of a tie of the Executive Board.

Section 3. Vice-president: In the absence of the President the Vice-president shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Vice-president shall have full voting privileges.

Section 4. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all membership, Board of Directors, and Executive Board meetings and provide a copy of same to all IQHAA Officers and Directors and to the IQHA President and Secretary. She/He shall be the custodian of all documents and records of the Association. She/he shall be ex-officio secretary of all committees and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time. The Secretary shall have full voting privileges.

Section 5. Vacancies: All vacancies in the offices of the Association shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term and those so appointed shall serve until the election and acceptance of their duly qualified successors.

Section 6. Auditing of Accounts: The Association shall conduct its affairs on the fiscal year basis, the same to begin on December 1st and end on the last day of November. The board may require an audit of the accounts of the Secretary and/or the IQHA Treasurer which shall be prepared and submitted to the Board of Directors at the meeting following the annual meeting.

Section 7. Surety Bonds: The Secretary and Treasurer and all other Officers or employees of the Association who may have the handling of funds or the Association shall be given a surety bond, to be furnished at the expense of the Association, for faithful discharge of her/his duties, if so required by the Board of Directors.

Article V
Election Procedure

Section 1. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee on or before July 1st of each year.

Section 2. Nominations: The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least four (4) candidates for a Director, all of whom have given their consent to their nomination.

Section 3. Notice of Election: Notice of the Nominating committee's slate of candidates shall appear on the IQHA website at least two weeks before the annual membership meeting, during which the slate shall be opened to nominations from the floor. All nominees must have given their consent to be placed on the ballot. The election of Directors and Officers will then take place at the annual membership meeting.

Article VI
Amendments

The Executive Board shall have the power to make, amend and repeal the by-laws of the Association annually.

Article VII

Whenever not otherwise specified by the by-laws the Revised Roberts Rules of Order shall be the final authority of procedure.

Article VIII

If any section of any part of these by-laws or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other sections, parts or applications of these by-laws which can be given affect without the invalid section or any part; and to this end the provisions of these by-laws are severable.

IQHAA Point System

Rules & Regulations

The following Amateur, Select Amateur and L1 Novice Amateur classes/events are those in which points will be awarded to current IQHAA members toward year-end awards:

Weanling Stallions	Three-year-old Geldings	Western Riding
Yearling Stallions	Aged Geldings four and over	Western Horsemanship
		L1 W/T Horsemanship
Two-year-old Stallions	Showmanship at Halter	Western Pleasure
		L1 Novice W/T Western Pleasure
Three-year-old Stallions	Hunt Seat Equitation	Trail
Aged Stallions four and over	L1 Novice W/T Hunt Seat Equitation	
	Hunter Under Saddle	Cutting
Weanling Fillies	L1 Novice W/T Hunter Under Saddle	
	Equitation Over Fences	Reining
Yearling Fillies	Hunter Hack	Calf Roping
Two-year-old Fillies	Jumping	Dally Team Roping - Heading
Three-year-old Fillies	Working Hunter	Dally Team Roping - Heeling
Aged Mares four and over	Pleasure Driving	Working Cowhorse
Yearling Geldings	Barrel Racing	Team Penning
Two-year-old Geldings	Pole Bending	Performance Halter Geldings
Performance Halter Stallions	Performance Halter Mares	Ranch Riding

Points towards year-end awards may be earned November 1st through October 31st of each year. Points will be awarded by a one-horse/one-exhibitor combination. Points will be awarded only for Indiana shows which have been officially approved by AQHA and IQHA

The Owner/exhibitor must be a member in good standing of both IQHA and IQHAA to receive points. When appropriate points will be awarded in accordance with AQHA guidelines as follows:

- a. One (1) point for every horse beat plus one (1) point for oneself, up to a maximum of fifty (50) points for first place.
- b. The Grand Champion of each sex division will receive one (1) point more than any other horse in its Division, and the Reserve Champion will receive points equal to any other horse in its Division.
- c. No horse will be given more points than it actually earned merely because the horse placing ahead of it was not owned by an IQHAA member.
- d. If a stallion is gelded, his stallion points cannot be transferred to a gelding halter class.
- e. A one-horse/one-exhibitor combination must place in at least seven (7) shows in order to receive a year-end award in any given class provided that class is offered at least 11 times during the show season. If the class is offered 10 times or less, only five (5) shows will be required to qualify for a year-end award.
- f. All shows in which each one-horse/one-exhibitor places throughout the year shall be counted in the determination of the year-end winners of each event.

1. In the event of a tie for the high point award the exhibitor horse with the greatest number of first place winnings will be declared the year end high point winner. Should a tie still exist after counting all first place winnings the greatest number of the next highest placings will be counted until the tie is broken.
2. In the event of a tie for any subsequent placing, duplicate awards will be given.

Select Amateur Year End Awards Point Computation

1. A Select Amateur may earn points in an amateur class and have them applied to their Select Amateur class toward year end awards in that particular class under the following conditions:
 - a. that particular class is not offered as a Select Amateur class at an IQHA approved show.
 - b. Due to low entries in either the Amateur or Select Amateur division of that particular class, the show management elects to combine the two divisions into one class.
2. To be eligible for points to be awarded as stated in paragraph 1 above, the Select Amateur must have submitted a completed Select Amateur Designation form at the beginning of the year or prior to the start of a horse show in which the conditions as stated in paragraph 1 occur.
3. The request for points earned under the above stated conditions will take effect as of the date of the signed Select Amateur Designation Form and will not be retroactive.
4. The Select Amateur Designation Form will expire annually on October 31st.
5. A new Select Amateur Designation Form will need to be submitted annually.
6. An exhibitor is not eligible to earn IQHA points in both the Amateur and Select Amateur divisions when the classes are combined or one is not offered.

All-Around Amateur and Reserve All Around Amateur

The year-end All-Around Amateur and Reserve All-Around Amateur will be determined on a one-horse/one exhibitor combination basis according to the following:

1. The combination must have qualified for year-end awards in at least seven (7) shows, in a minimum of four (4) amateur performance events and in Amateur Halter, and must have earned a minimum of twenty five (25) points in each of those events.
2. The total of all shows in each class or event shall determine the year-end All-Around Amateur.
3. Even if the one-horse/one-exhibitor combination has not qualified for a year end award in an event, the points earned in that event will count toward the All-Around Amateur award, after provision #1 above has been met.
4. In the event of a tie for the All Around or Reserve All Around Amateur, the exhibitor with the greatest number of first place finishes will be declared the year-end High Point All Around or Reserve All Around Amateur. Should a tie still exist after counting all first place finishes, the greatest number of all the next highest placing will be counted until the tie is broken.

Select All-Around and Reserve Select All-Around Amateur

The year-end Select All Around Amateur and Reserve Select All Around Amateur will be determined on a one horse/one exhibitor combination basis according to the following:

1. The combination must have qualified for a year-end award, by placing in at least seven (7) shows, in a minimum of four (4) Select Amateur performance events and in Amateur Halter, and must have earned a minimum of twenty five (25) points in each of those events.
2. The total of all shows in each class or event shall determine the year-end Select All Around Amateur.
3. Even if the one horse/one exhibitor combination has not qualified for a year-end award in an event, the points earned in that event will count toward the Select All Around Amateur award, after provision # 1 above has been met.
4. In the event of a tie for the Select All Around or Reserve Select All Around Amateur, the exhibitor with the greatest number of the first place finishes will be declared the year-end High Point or Reserve High Point Select All Around Amateur. Should a tie still exist after counting all first places finishes, the greatest number of the next highest placing will be counted until the tie is broken.

5. With the exception of the Amateur Halter, no other Amateur points will be used to determine the Select All Around Amateur and Reserve Select All Around Amateur titles.

All-Around L1 Novice Amateur and Reserve All-Around L1 Novice Amateur

The year-end All-Around L1 Novice Amateur and Reserve All-Around L1 Novice Amateur will be determined on a one-horse/one exhibitor combination basis according to the following:

1. The combinations must have qualified for a year-end award, by placing in at least seven (7) shows, in a minimum of three (3) L1 Novice Amateur events, and must have earned a minimum of twenty (20) points in each of those events.
2. The total of all shows in each class or event shall determine the year-end All Around L1 Novice Amateur.
3. Even if the one horse/one exhibitor combination has not qualified for a year-end award in an event, the points earned in that event will count toward the All Around L1 Novice Amateur award after provision #1 above has been met.
4. In the event of a tie for the All Around or Reserve All Around L1 Novice Amateur, the exhibitor with the greatest number of first place finishes will be declared the year-end High Point All Around or Reserve All Around L1 Novice Amateur. Should a tie still exist after counting all the first place finishes, the greatest number of the next highest placing will be counted until the tie is broken.

IQHAA Policy

Any member may be suspended and denied privileges of the Association and any non-member may be denied the privileges of the Association by the Executive Board for the failure to pay when due an obligation owing to the Association, or any IQHAA sponsored show or for giving a worthless check for entry fees, stall fees, office charges, stock charges, or any other fees or charges including bank charges for a returned check connected with the exhibition of horses, provided, however, that fifteen (15) days before action by the IQHAA Executive Board personal or written notice of the account due and the intention to suspend or withhold privileges of the Association shall be mailed to such member or non-member. Any suspension and denial of privileges under this section shall be terminated upon full payment of the obligation due the Association.

General Notice Procedure

Every notice required by these rules and regulations may be served by delivering a copy of the notice to the person to be served, either in person, by email or by US mail, postage prepaid, to his or her last known address as it appears in the association records, and such notice shall be deemed received by such person when it is deposited in the US mail, or delivered via email.

Indiana Quarter Horse Youth Association Constitution & By-laws

Article I Name and Purpose

Section 1. This organization shall be a committee of the Indiana Quarter Horse Association, shall operate within the scope of the by-laws, rules and regulations of the Indiana Quarter Horse Association and shall be named the Indiana Quarter Horse Youth Association.

Section 2. The objectives and purposes of the Indiana Quarter Horse Youth Association, hereinafter referred to as the IQHYA, shall be as follows:

- a. To improve and promote the American Quarter Horse Breed.
- b. To improve and develop the capabilities of youth, both individually and through group participation, in the breeding, raising, and exhibition of American Quarter Horses
- c. To develop and improve scholarship, leadership and integrity among all of its members.
- d. To encourage high moral character, sportsmanship and integrity among all of its members.

- e. To establish a means whereby Youth members may work in conjunction with the Indiana Quarter Horse Association.

Article II Membership

Section 1. Membership shall consist of any youth who has not passed his nineteenth birthday on January 1 of the current year. The age of the youth on January 1 shall be maintained throughout the entire year.

Section 2. Annual membership fees shall be \$25.00, due November 1 of each calendar year, membership to be effective when the application and fee are received by the IQHA Executive Secretary.

Section 3. Membership in the IQHYA grants the privilege of earning IQHYA points at AQHA/IQHA approved shows. Points earned on or after the postmarked or electronic send date of membership will be counted towards Year End Awards. In the event that a membership is paid at an IQHA sponsored horse show, points will start accumulating after the show secretary receives payment for the membership. Additionally, payment for membership must be received prior to the start of, or participation in, an event in which the exhibitor wishes to receive points. As such, an exhibitor cannot make payment at the completion of a day's events or the end of a horse show and retroactively receive points for classes in which they previously participated.

Section 4. Membership in the IQHA (Adult Association) is required in order to receive the IQHA Directory.

Section 5. Membership in the IQHA (Adult Association) is required in order to be eligible for the AQHYA World Show Team or the All American Quarter Horse Congress Youth Team. Only points earned on or after the effective date of both IQHYA and IQHA memberships being paid will be counted towards qualification for the AQHYA World Show Team or the All American Quarter Horse Congress Youth Team.

Article III Officers and Directors

Section 1. The business and property of the organization shall be managed and controlled by the officers and directors.

Section 2. Officers: The officers of the organization shall be the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter, and shall be elected annually, at the annual December meeting of the Board of Directors of the IQHYA. Such Officers shall hold office for a period of one year and until their successors are elected and qualified. If an officer misses more than two of the first four meetings without prior consent of the IQHYA Board of Directors and Youth Advisor, they will be dismissed and unable to run for an office in the subsequent year.

- a. President: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall have general supervision of the Affairs of the Association subject to the direction of the officers and directors. The President shall appoint all committees of the Association subject to the approval of the officers and directors. The President shall submit to the members annually at their meeting a report of the status of the Association and its activities during the preceding year.
- b. First Vice-President: Shall in the absence, disability or inability of the President to act as the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President and shall perform such other duties as the President shall from time to time prescribe.
- c. Second Vice-President: Shall in the absence, disability or inability of the President or First Vice-President to act as the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President and shall perform such other duties as the President shall from time to time prescribe.
- d. Secretary: The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and of the officers and directors and shall record or cause to be recorded all notes taken and the minutes of all proceedings in a minute book of the Association to be kept for that purpose. He/she shall perform such duties for the committees when requested to do so.
- e. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have responsibility of preparing a budget, report to all meetings the Association's expenditures in relation to the budget and work under the guidance of the Youth Advisor and the Treasurer of the Indiana Quarter Horse Association.
- f. Reporter: The Reporter shall have the responsibility of reporting on the activities of the Association and of the individual members of the Association to the Indiana Quarter Horse Directory. The Reporter shall serve as Historian of the Association and shall have

and perform such other duties, authorities and responsibilities as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors or the President.

Section 3. Directors: Shall exercise equal voting privileges with the officers in managing the business and property of IQHYA. Directors are required to attend two of the first four meetings conducted each year. If a Director misses more than two of the first four meetings without prior consent of the IQHYA Board of Directors and Advisors, they will be dismissed and unable to run for an office in the subsequent year.

Section 4. Procedure for the Election of Directors: Nominations for Directors for the upcoming year will be accepted from the membership through November 15th of each calendar year. All members of the Association in good standing shall be mailed, to his or her address as it appears on the records of the Association, an official election ballot, postmarked no later than twenty (20) days prior to the annual meeting in December. This mailing will include a return envelope addressed to the Youth Advisor, which envelope shall contain an authenticating label of the member affixed thereon. Upon receipt of the envelope by the Youth Advisor, and verification of its authenticity, the envelope will be kept sealed until the annual meeting. Any member in good standing who has not voted by mail as herein provided may cast his or her vote with the Youth Advisor or the person(s) appointed by the Youth Advisor, at the annual meeting, up until the start of the meeting. At that time the ballots will then be tabulated by a minimum of two persons appointed by the Youth Advisor.

Section 5. Delegates to the AQHYA YES Conference shall be as follows: The IQHYA President will be the first delegate, the IQHYA First and Second Vice-Presidents will be the second and third delegates, and the IQHYA Board of Directors and Advisors will choose the fourth delegate.

Article IV Amendments

Section 1. The IQHYA Board of Directors shall have the power to make, amend and repeal the by-laws of the association by vote of the majority of the directors present at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. Said changes shall be effective immediately unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors. All proposed changes in the by-laws must be submitted in writing to all directors at least ten (10) days before the meeting at which said changes shall be considered.

Article V Year-End Awards

Section 1. High point year-end awards will be presented to IQHYA members based on points accumulated in Youth classes at IQHA approved shows from November 1 through October 31 of each year. Points will be awarded on a one horse/one exhibitor combination basis. A youth may exhibit more than one horse, but points earned with each horse will be compiled separately.

Ownership of the horse is to be as required in the current Official Handbook of the American Quarter Horse Association.

To be eligible for year end awards, exhibitor must perform at least one(1) hour of service at the IQHYA Youth Show and submit at least one \$25 class sponsorship for the Youth Show. [Members who join after the IQHYA Youth Show should contact the Youth Advisor about making up these requirements.](#)

Points will be awarded in each class as follows:

- a. One (1) point for each horse defeated plus one (1) point for oneself through nine (9) places.
- b. A maximum of fifty (50) points will be awarded for first place.
- c. To qualify for a year-end award in a class the youth must have earned points in at least three (3) shows and accumulate a minimum of three (3) points in the class.
- d. All shows will be counted to determine the high point winner in each class.

- e. In the event of a tie for the high point class award, the horse/exhibitor with the highest number of first place winnings will be declared the high point winner. Should a tie still exist after counting all first place winnings, the greatest number of the next highest placings will be counted until the tie is broken. In the event of a tie for any subsequent placings, duplicate awards will be presented.

Section 2. High point awards will be presented to six places in the 13 and under Youth, 14-18 Youth, and L1 Novice Youth divisions in the following classes:

Showmanship at Halter	Hunter Under Saddle	Western Pleasure
Hunt Seat Equitation	Western Horsemanship	Trail
L1 Novice W/T Western Pleasure	L1 Novice W/T Horsemanship	L1 Novice W/T Trail
L1 Novice W/T Hunter Under Saddle	L1 Novice W/T Equitation	

High point awards will be presented to six places in All Age Youth and Novice Youth divisions in the following classes, providing they have been offered:

Junior Halter Mares	Equitation Over Fences	Cutting
Senior Halter Mares	Working Hunter	Calf Roping
Junior Halter Geldings	Hunter Hack	Breakaway Roping
Senior Halter Gelding	Jumping	Dally Team Roping - Heading
Performance Halter Mares	Western Riding	Dally Team Roping - Heeling
Performance Halter Geldings	Stake Race	Team Penning
Reining	Barrel Racing	Working Cowhorse
Ranch Riding	Pole Bending	

All Leadline participants will be recognized during the annual Year End Awards Banquet.

Section 3. Year-end All-Around awards will be given to youth members who earn the most points with one horse in Youth classes. A youth may exhibit more than one horse; however, the points earned by the youth with each horse will be compiled separately. The following awards will be presented:

- All-Around and Reserve All-Around Youth 13 and Under
- All-Around and Reserve All-Around Youth 14-18
- All-Around and Reserve All-Around Horse, 18 and Under
- All-Around and Reserve All-Around Novice Youth, 18 and Under

There are no halter points required or counted for the All-Around Youth awards, but a minimum of 25 halter points are required to be eligible for the All-Around Horse award. Points for the All-Around awards will be accumulated on the same basis as points for the year end class awards. However, even if the youth/horse combination has not qualified for a year end award in a particular class, the points earned will count towards the All-Around award.

In the event of a tie for the All-Around or Reserve All-Around awards, the exhibitor with the greatest number of first place finishes will be declared the year-end All-Around or Reserve All-Around winner. Should a tie still exist after counting all first place finishes, the greatest number of the next highest placing will be counted until the tie is broken.

Section 4. A High Point Rookie of the Year award will be presented to an IQHYA member for whom the current year must be the member's first year to earn IQHYA points. To be eligible for this award, exhibitors must perform at least one (1) hour of service at the IQHYA Youth Show and submit at least one (1) \$25.00 class sponsorship for the Youth Show. Members who join IQHYA after the Youth Show should contact the Youth Advisor about making up these requirements. In the event of a tie for the High Point Rookie of the Year award, the exhibitor with the greatest number of first place finishes will be declared the winner. Should a tie still exist after counting all first place finishes, the greatest number of the next highest placing will be counted until the tie is broken. Members showing only in the Small Fry Division are ineligible for the Rookie of the Year.

Section 5. An annual Sportsmanship Award will be presented to the youth selected by the majority vote of the youth members by mail-in ballot to be returned in the official election ballot envelope with an authenticating label of the member affixed thereon. The award will be based upon the following considerations:

- a. Attitude
- b. Conduct
- c. Willingness to help other youth
- d. Image created

Article VI

AQHYA World Show Team and All American Quarter Horse Congress NYATT Team

Section 1. Eligibility Requirements

- a. Team Fees: Each IQHYA member wanting to be considered for the AQHYA World Show Team or the Quarter Horse Congress NYATT Team must submit a team fee of \$150 PER TEAM. Both the World Show \$150 team fee and the Congress \$150 team fee are due the last day of the Indiana State Show, and are non-refundable. Team fees should be Submitted to the Youth Advisor or the person appointed by the Youth Advisor to collect the fees.
- b. Member must work a minimum of two (2) hours at the IQHYA Youth Show. A minimum of one (1) hour must be worked by the member, the remaining hour may be worked by a parent only. If the member is unable to attend the Youth Show, he/she should notify the Youth Advisor before the show, and upon approval may work the two (2) hours at the State Show, where all of the same rules will apply. Delinquent hours cannot be made up.
- c. Member must submit three (3) \$25.00 class sponsorships for the IQHYA Youth Show.
- d. Member must be an AQHA, IQHYA, and IQHA (adult association) paid member in good standing prior to their IQHYA points being counted toward qualification for the AQHYA World Show Team or All American Quarter Horse Congress NYATT team. Only points earned on or after the effective date of both IQHYA and IQHA memberships being paid will be counted towards qualification for the AQHYA World Show Team or the All American Quarter Horse Congress NYATT Team.
- e. Ownership of the horse is to be as required in the current Official Handbook of the American Quarter Horse Association.

Section 2. Selection of the AQHYA World Show Team

- a. Participation on the AQHYA World Show Team shall be exclusive to IQHYA members residing in Indiana and those out-of-state members who have an approved AQHA Hardship on file.
- b. The AQHA Hardship Application can be found at www.aqha.com. This application must be signed by the Youth Advisor of the affiliate in the member's state of residence and by the IQHYA Youth Advisor. The application must be received by AQHA no later than April 1st of the current year. It will then be considered for approval by the AQHA Hardship Task Force. The member must meet one of the following three (3) stipulations in order to request a Hardship approval:
 - 1. Youth is attending an out-of-state/province college and is unable to compete in his/her home affiliate shows.
 - 2. Youth lives on the border of two states or provinces and it is more economical to show outside of the home state.
 - 3. Youth's trainer lives in another state and their horse is boarded out of the youth's home state.
- c. Only points earned from Nov 1 through the Indiana Quarter Horse Association State Show of each year will be counted. Points will be awarded on the same basis as those for year-end awards, with one (1) point for each horse defeated plus one (1) point for oneself, through nine (9) places, with a maximum of fifty (50) points for first place in a class. Member must have earned a minimum of three (3) IQHYA points during the qualifying period. Novice and Small Fry classes do not count toward AQHYA World Show Team qualification.
- e. It is emphasized that all shows are subject to AQHA drug testing.
- f. All members participating on the AQHYA World Show Team must have written approval from their parent or guardian who will be responsible for the conduct of the youth member.
- g. The following classes will be AQHYA World Show Team Qualifying Classes:

Halter	Showmanship at Halter
Hunter Under Saddle	Western Pleasure
Hunt Seat Equitation	Western Horsemanship
Trail	Barrel Racing
Western Riding	Pole Bending
Reining	Stakes Race

Any IQHYA member interested in qualifying for a cattle event or over fences event, classes not normally offered at IQHA shows, must let their desire be known to the Youth Advisor by February 1 of the current year and meet all qualifying requirements mentioned above, other than those pertaining to the earning of points.

- h. In the event of a tie in any of the above mentioned classes, the member earning the most first place finishes will be determined to be the delegate. If a tie still exists after counting the most first place finishes, then the member with the most second place finishes will be declared the delegate. Should a tie still exist, then the age of the exhibitors as of January 1 of the current year will be considered, with the oldest exhibitor being declared the delegate.
- i. The IQHYA may enter up to six (6) state qualified entries in each class at the AQHYA World Show. However, the total number of affiliate entries may not exceed 136. This does not include entries having qualified nationally.

Section 3. Selection of the All American Quarter Horse Congress National Youth Activity Team Tournament (NYATT) Team

- a. Participation on the NYATT Team shall be exclusive to IQHYA members residing in Indiana and those out-of-state members who have an approved AQHA Hardship on file, providing that all other qualifications for eligibility have been met. Please refer to Section 2.b. above for more information on the Hardship Application.
- b. Only points earned from Nov 1 through the Indiana Quarter Horse Association State Show of each year will be counted. Points will be awarded on the same basis as those for year-end awards, with one (1) point for each horse defeated plus one (1) point for oneself, through nine (9) places, with a maximum of fifty (50) points for first place in a class.
- c. Member must have accumulated a minimum of five (5) IQHYA points during the qualifying period. Novice classes do not count toward NYATT Team qualification.
- d. Only an exhibitor's top seven (7) shows during the qualifying period will be counted.
- e. Exhibitors shall be permitted to show in a maximum of two (2) classes in the NYATT.
- f. The NYATT Team shall consist of a minimum of four (4) IQHYA members and a maximum of twelve (12) members, with no more than two (2) members competing in each of the following classes: Showmanship at Halter, Horsemanship, [Hunt Seat Equitation](#), Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Barrel Racing, and Reining.
- g. In the event of a tie in calculating the points earned during the qualifying period, then additional shows beyond the top seven (7) will be counted until the tie is broken. Should a tie still exist, then the exhibitor with the most first place winnings will be declared the team member. If a tie still exists after counting the most first place finishes, then the member with the most second place finishes will be declared the delegate. Should a tie still exist, then the age of the exhibitors as of January 1 of the current year will be considered, with the oldest exhibitor being declared the delegate.
- h. [In the event of an injury to or the death of a team member's horse, if said team member is qualified in the Showmanship at Halter, Horsemanship, or Hunt Seat Equitation, another horse may be substituted. The substitute horse must meet AQHA ownership requirements for youth events.](#)

Article VII Small Fry Division

Section 1. Eligibility.

- a. Participation in the Small Fry Division is limited to those exhibitors age nine (9) and younger as of January 1 of the current Year. The age of the youth on January 1 shall be maintained throughout the entire year.
- b. Gaits in all classes in the Small Fry Division are limited to walk and trot both ways in the ring.
- c. Horses or ponies of any breed may be shown, regardless of ownership. No stallions are permitted.
- d. Exhibitors in the Small Fry Division are prohibited from exhibiting in any three (3) gaited class or contest at the same show. Exhibiting in any Small Fry class(es) and any three (3) gaited class(es) at the same show will result in the loss of any Small Fry points earned at that show.
- e. Only members of IQHYA can earn and accumulate points. Points are awarded on a one horse/one exhibitor basis. Members showing only in the Small Fry Division are ineligible for the Rookie of the Year Award.

Section 2. Points will be awarded in each Small Fry class at IQHA approved shows from November 1 through October 31 of each year as follows;

- a. One (1) point for each horse defeated plus one (1) point for oneself through nine (9) places.

