

FOREWORD

2015 Rulebook

The rules for the Michigan Quarter Horse Association updated by the appropriate committees, the Board of Directors, and membership are here presented.

The need for correcting and updating the Rules of a vibrant and growing organization requires constant attention since committee and Board action tend to modify the rules with every meeting. Rule changes will automatically come into effect the following year unless specifically noted.

MQHA is run by volunteers from the membership. Each member is urged to participate in the affairs of the organization by serving on a committee or work group. Call or write MQHA at:

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MISSION

Michigan Quarter Horse Association will be the industry leader serving all horse enthusiasts in Michigan with diverse programs that promote the American Quarter Horse.

VISION

Michigan Quarter Horse Association will be the first point of contact as a resource for both our members and horse enthusiasts in the state by offering inclusive programs with integrity that provide beneficial services to all.

MQHA LOGO

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MQHA PAST PRESIDENT LISTING

1955	Bud Leetch	1985-86	Susan Walton
1956	Tom E. McKinley	1987-88	Larry Limonoff
1957	Franklin Branch	1989	Jan Buhl
1958	Frank Flock	1990	David Clinton
1959	Richard Hagood	1991	Susan Walton
1960-61	Dave Brian	1992	Tim Christensen
1962	Keith Forbush	1993-94	Karen DeVlieger-Holden
1963	George Van Loozen	1995	Harold Howard
1964	Clem Ziegler	1996	Mary Wilkins-Fenech
1965-66	Wesley Lickfeldt	1997	Ken Mumy
1967	Richard Ross	1998-99	Leslie McAllister
1968-69	Theodore Lincoln	2000	William "Dutch" Guthrie
1970	William G. Hassel, Jr.	2001-02	Kelly Boles Chapman
1971-72	Dr. Gerald O'Connor	2003-04	Kathryn Boggetta
1973-74	W. Bryce McGinnis	2005-06	Stephanie Scheid Griffin
1975	Dr. Richard J. Gross	2007-08	Bob Daniels
1976-77	W. Bryce McGinnis	2009-10	Jennifer Goss
1978-79	A. Bruce Arbogast	2011 -12	Trish Steele
1980-81	Clinton Raines	2013 -14	Karen Waite
1982-83	Michael Havens		
1984	Douglas Cline		

MQHA – MQHYA CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - TITLE, OBJECTS, LOCATION AND TERMS

SECTION 1 - TITLE

This Corporation shall be known as the Michigan Quarter Horse Association, and shall at all times be operated and conducted as a non-profit corporation in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan providing for such organizations and by which it shall acquire all such rights as granted to corporations of this kind. The Michigan Quarter Horse Association shall have a division known as the Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Association.

SECTION 2 - AFFILIATION

This Association shall be affiliated with the American Quarter Horse Association and shall conform to its policies.

SECTION 3 - OBJECTS

The Objects of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association shall be to:

A. Promote in all ways the interest of Quarter Horse owners.

B. Provide a vehicle whereby the necessary services can be supplied to persons interested in owning, breeding, training, showing and racing Quarter Horses.

C. Encourage high ethical standards of sportsmanship and competition among all exhibitors.

D. Provide a vehicle for the advancement of youth participation in Quarter Horse activities and in the governing of an association to provide and promote such activities.

SECTION 4 - PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal office and place of business of this association shall be such place as shall be designated by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5 - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association shall commence January 1st of each year and shall terminate December 31st of the same year.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERS

SECTION 1 - MEMBERSHIP

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 member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. Membership cards shall be issued and are non-transferable. All members shall abide by rules of the American Quarter Horse Association and rules of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association.

SECTION 2 - TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

The following memberships are available in this Association:

A. **INDIVIDUAL** - Any individual who has attained the age of 19 years by January 1st of a current fiscal year shall be eligible to join this Association as an individual member.

B. **FARM, RANCH, CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP** - Any farm, ranch, corporation or partnership as shown on horse's registration papers shall be eligible to join the Association as a member. A farm, ranch, corporation or partnership is entitled to one vote only and no farm, ranch, corporation or partnership may hold office in this Association.

Co-ownership or joint ownership of a horse does not necessarily constitute a legal partnership. If both are individual and/or junior members, a separate partnership fee is not required. If one or all co-owners or joint-owners are a farm, ranch, corporation or partnership, then an additional partnership is required.

C. **INDIVIDUAL LIFE** - Any individual who is eligible for an individual membership shall be eligible for a life membership. Such members shall enjoy all the benefits of an individual membership for the remainder of his/her life.

D. **YOUTH** - Any individual who has not attained the age of 19 years on or before January 1st of any fiscal year of the Association, shall be eligible to join the Association as a youth member. By so joining this

Association, said individual will automatically become a member in the Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Association, a division of this Association, and shall enjoy all the benefits of that division. The dues for members of the Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Association will be optional to the individual member with each youth paying either \$30 for a 12 month membership with the journal or a \$20 – 12 month membership without the journal. The \$20 fee will entitle him or her to the regular benefits of membership in the MQHYA, except for the privilege of receiving the monthly MQHA Journal; but a \$30 membership fee will entitle him or her to all MQHYA benefits plus all privileges of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association, (including the journal) with the exception of holding office in MQHA.

SECTION 3 - DEFINITION OF TERMS USED IN REGARD TO MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership in "good standing": Any individual Member, Farm, Ranch, Corporation or Partnership Member, Individual Life Member or Youth Member whose dues are received by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of this Association except while suspended by AQHA and/or MQHA for cause, is a membership in "good standing." A member in "good standing" is entitled to all rights and privileges of this Association. Care should be taken to apply for membership in the proper manner, as out-lined by the Board of Directors, for accrual of Michigan points and entry of a horse in the Michigan Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity.

B. Membership in the Association is a privilege, not a right. Membership or application therefore, may be terminated or rejected by the Board of Directors for cause detrimental to the interests of the Association, its programs, policies, objectives, and harmonious relationship of its members as determined by the Board of Directors. If a member is suspended or denied privileges of the Association, failure to comply with these restrictions and any other expressed conditions or restrictions of said disciplinary action may constitute grounds for further disciplinary action.

C. General privileges and responsibilities of members and non-members are as follows:

1. While a Member in "good standing", all members shall have equal rights, interests, and responsibilities with respect to the Association and its property; shall obey and be bound by all by-laws, rules, and regulations of the Association and decisions or actions of the Board of Directors; shall have the right to vote by personal attendance at membership meetings; and shall have the right to hold office and committee assignments: and shall have the right to participate in Association sponsored activities, except otherwise noted.

2. Non-members who participate in association approved activities, by such actions do thereby agree to be bound by all by-laws, rules and regulations of the Association and decisions and actions of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4 - DUES

A. Application for membership in MQHA or MQHYA can be found in the monthly Michigan Quarter Horse Journal or by contacting the MQHA office for an application form.

B. Membership dues shall be as follows:

1. \$45.00 Individual Adult with journal (12 months)
 - \$ 20.00 Legal spouse of individual member (12 months)
 - \$ 35.00 Adult without the Journal (12 months)
2. \$ 45.00 Farm, Ranch, Corporation, or Partnership (12 months) with journal
3. \$250.00 Individual Life with journal
4. \$ 20.00 Youth (12 months, no Journal with privileges of that division)
5. \$ 30.00 Youth (12 months with Journal plus all MQHA rights)

C. The legal spouse of any individual member shall be entitled to become an individual member of this Association by the annual payment of \$20.00. Both the spouse and the individual member will be entitled to enjoy the full benefits of this Association which accompany an individual membership, except that only one (1) Michigan Quarter Horse Journal will be mailed to such individual member and spouse.

D. All correspondence received by the office of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association will be time/date

stamped, and all memberships or nominations will be determined by this date stamp. Memberships will be taken by telephone only when charged to VISA/MASTER CARD, or DISCOVER, or by special action by the MQHA Board of Directors. The time/date stamp for membership will determine when Michigan show points will begin accrual by the point secretary.

E. Membership in Michigan Quarter Horse Association will run for 12 months from the date received, indicated by the date stamp.

F. Cut-off date for receipt of the Michigan Quarter Horse Journal will be three months after expiration of membership.

ARTICLE III - DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 - NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

Directors of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association shall number up to twenty one (21). Eighteen (18) shall be elected by those members in "good standing" and shall serve for a three (3) year period on a rotating plan whereby Six (6) Directors are retired or re-elected annually.

One Director will be appointed to serve a one-year term beginning at the first Board meeting of the year following the Annual Membership Meeting. This director will be the newly elected President of the MQHYA Board of Directors. The MQHYA President will have the full voting rights, duties and authority of the Regular Directors. The MQHYA President will not be required to be responsible for any individual committees of the Association.

Two Directors will be the Michigan Quarter Horse Association National Directors. They will be ex-officio members of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association Board of Directors. They will be non-voting members except as otherwise provided in the MQHA Constitution.

SECTION 2 - QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible for election as a Director, an individual member must have attained the age of 19 by January 1st of the then current year, with the exception of the Special Director appointed from the MQHYA Board of Directors. No member may run for a Directorship unless such individual is a member in "good standing". No

more than one person from an immediate family may run concurrently for, or serve in the position of Director. Exception: Youth Board President appointed to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3 - VACANCY

When a Director's vacancy occurs for any reason, a replacement will be made by the majority of the remaining Directors for the balance of the year. A new Director shall then be duly elected at the annual election meeting to serve for the balance of the term of the Director who is being replaced.

SECTION 4 - DUTIES

The Board of Directors shall be empowered to transact all business of the Association and to report such business to the membership. Such decisions as are required must be by a quorum of the Board. A quorum shall consist of ten (10) board members, provided however, that National Directors present may vote at board meetings when necessary to make a quorum. When necessary, Directors will be allowed to cast their vote by phone or e-mail to make a quorum.

SECTION 5 - ABSENTEEISM

A Director who has had four (4) or more unexcused absences during the course of the business year may lose his/her Directorship and may be replaced as outlined in Section 3 of this Article. Hardship clause: under unusual circumstances this rule can be waived at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6 - AUTHORITY

The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to make, amend, repeal, and enforce such rules and regulations, not contrary to law or the Certificate of Incorporation or these by-laws, as they may 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 making of awards, the conducting of

shows, contests, exhibitions, raves, sales, and social functions, and other details relating to the general purposes of the Association, all, however, subject to revision or amendment by the members at any regular or special meeting of the members, provided written notice of intention by any member to move the revision or specified amendment of any rule or regulation shall have been mailed to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

SECTION 7 - ADVISORY BOARD

There is hereby created an Advisory Board to the Michigan Quarter Horse Association Board of Directors of which all past-Presidents shall be members.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION 1 - ELIGIBILITY

Only individual members who have attained the age of 19 years during the then current year, who are members in "good standing" and who are residents of the State of Michigan may hold office. (Exception: The Executive Secretary-Treasurer is not required to be a member of MQHA.)

SECTION 2 - OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-President and the Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

SECTION 3 - PRESIDENT

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the Association. The written contracts of the Association shall be executed on behalf of the Association by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. The President shall see that the Constitution and 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. The President may from time to time create and empower other committees, general or special, and he/she shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

SECTION 4 - VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, either at regular or special Board meetings, or for Association business should a vacancy occur in the Presidency.

When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice-President, another member of the Board of Directors shall be selected and appointed by the remaining Directors to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. In the event a vacancy occurs simultaneously in the offices of President and Vice President, the Board of Directors shall fill both vacancies by selection and appointment from their body.

Should it occur for any reason that the President or Vice-President while remaining a member in "good standing" and a resident of Michigan become ineligible for Directorship, such officer even though losing his/her Directorship shall retain the Presidency or Vice-Presidency for the remainder of his/her term.

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/ TREASURER

The Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall be appointed and removed by the President with the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors. The Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall conduct the Association business as directed by the President and Board of Directors. All paid employees of MQHA shall report directly to the Executive Secretary.

The Executive Secretary is ex-officio member of all committees and would act on that committee as directed by the President when the committee fails to carry out its prescribed function. The Executive-Secretary shall keep all records of the Association in the central office.

SECTION 6 - OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES

For cause, any of the officers or employees may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Directors.

SECTION 7 - SURETY BONDS

All officers and employees of the Association who may have the handling of any funds of the Association shall secure a surety bond to be furnished at the expense of the Association.

SECTION 8 - AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS

Every year the accountant and the finance committee shall conduct an informal review of the books of the Association. Every third year a review shall be made by a Certified Public Accountant of all accounts of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Futurity Secretary-Treasurer and all other officers or members of the Association who may have the handling of any funds of the Association, in accordance with the review policies of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

SECTION 9 – DISSOLUTION OF ASSOCIATION

All assets and real property will revert to the local government or another nonprofit organization should the organization dissolve.

ARTICLE V - GENERAL ELECTIONS

SECTION 1 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A nominating committee consisting of members in "good standing", not presently on the Board of Directors, will be appointed by the Director in Charge with approval of the Board of Directors.

The nominating committee shall secure a nominee (s) for each Board member to be elected. The nominations shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer by the November Board Meeting. Nominations shall be accepted from any Director or member in good standing present at the November Board meeting. Nominees will not be accepted after that date except to fill a vacancy where no candidate is running.

SECTION 2 - BALLOTS

Ballots will be offered to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Membership Meeting to all members in "good standing."

After marking their ballots, members will return them by a means designated by the MQHA. Ballots will be accepted by the MQHA office until seven (7) days prior to the Annual Membership Meeting. The results of the election will be announced to the membership at the

Annual Membership Meeting and the term of office of those Directors so elected shall begin with the announcement of "election results" at the Annual Membership Meeting.

SECTION 3 - ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

The President shall be nominated from the then current Board of Directors or Past-Presidents' list and elected by the membership. The new President will be installed at the Annual Membership Meeting. Those eligible for President must have been elected to the Board of Directors and served as a Director the entire current fiscal year or be a Past-President. The President shall serve until replaced at the Annual Membership Meeting of the next succeeding fiscal year. No person shall serve as President more than four (4) successive years. Any President replaced at an Annual Membership Meeting shall continue to be the presiding, but non-voting officer of such Annual Membership Meeting until adjournment.

SECTION 4 - ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the Annual Membership Meeting. Such election shall take place immediately after the installation of the new President and Directors. The candidate must meet the same eligibility requirements as the new President and shall serve the same length of term as the President.

SECTION 5 - PROXY VOTES

In all elections of the Association, the majority will rule. No proxy votes are permitted.

ARTICLE VI - GENERAL AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

SECTION 1 - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

An Annual Membership Meeting will be held in the month of December of the current fiscal year (or in January or February of the following year). The time and place of this meeting will be determined by the Board of Directors at least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting.

SECTION 2 - SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the membership may be held at any time, on the call of the President, the Board of Directors, or by notice signed by not less than ten (10) percent of the members of the Association.

SECTION 3 - BOARD MEETINGS

The President may call a Board meeting at any time or shall call a Board meeting on request of four (4) or more Board members. All Board of Directors meetings shall be open to the membership except those specifically designated as Executive Session by the President. All Board meetings are closed to non-members, except by invitation of the President, with the exception of those appointed to liaison positions by the President with the approval of the Directors. Certain board meetings may be held by conference call or electronic media.

Any MQHA member wishing to speak on an issue during a MQHA Board Meeting must request during Approval of the Agenda to be placed on the agenda.

SECTION 4 - NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice of all meetings and agenda shall be transmitted to all concerned (unless an emergency) at least one (1) week in advance. Phone conference meetings will have a call number posted on the MQHA website or electronic instructions.

SECTION 5 - ORDER OF BUSINESS

Regular Meetings - The order of business at regular meetings shall be as follows:

- Roll Call of Officers
- Approval of Agenda
- Reading and approval of minutes of previous meetings and board meetings
- Financial reports
- Other reports
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment

Annual Membership Meeting - The order of business at the Annual Membership Meeting will also include:

- Announcement of election results and installation of new Directors
- Election and installation into office new President and Vice-President

ARTICLE VII - SUSPENSION AND DENIALS

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 Board of Directors of the Association for the failure to pay when due any obligation owing to the Association, or for giving a worthless check for Futurity fees, entry fees, stall fees, office charges, stock charges or any other fees or charges connected with the exhibition of horses, provided, however, that fifteen (15) days before action by the Board of Directors, written notice of the account due and the intention to suspend or withhold privileges of the Association shall be delivered to such member or non-member. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member or non-member at his/her address as it appears on the records of the Association with the postage thereon prepaid. Any suspension and denial of privileges under this section shall terminate upon full payment of the obligation due.

Any member of this Association who is suspended for any cause by the American Quarter Horse Association or the National Cutting Horse Association shall automatically be suspended from this Association upon receipt of notice thereof.

ARTICLE VIII - BOARD OF REVIEW

SECTION 1 - COMPOSITION

There is hereby created a Board of Review consisting of the MQHA President, a Past President, a National Director from the State of Michigan, an official of AQHA or a Michigan Professional Horseman and a MQHA member in good standing subject to no potential conflict of interest. The members of the Board of Review, excluding the President, may not have an active position on the current board. MQHA General Counsel will serve as an Ex Officio member of this committee. The Board of Directors shall appoint these individuals at the annual membership meeting and they will serve until their successors are appointed.

SECTION 2 - DUTIES

The Board of Review shall act as a panel of arbitrators and rule on all complaints and disciplinary matters brought before them by any member of the Association. The complainant or respondent agrees to abide by such ruling and penalties as may be directed by said Board of Review.

SECTION 3 - APPEAL

A member of the association may appeal any ruling of the Board of Directors' to the Board of Review. The appeal must include all pertinent facts, be signed by the appellant, sent in writing to the MQ office, and be postmarked no later than fifteen (15) days after the Board of Directors' Decision.

SECTION 4 – THE REVIEW

The review will be scheduled within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the appeal. The review will be conducted by a recorded conference call or meeting that includes the appointees, a representative from the Board of Directors, the complainant or respondent. Witnesses may be added to the conference call or meeting for specific testimony by either side.

SECTION 5 – THE DECISION

The Board of Review will have five (5) days after above hearing to render a written decision. The decision of the Board of Review will be final in all cases.

SECTION 6 - FEE

A non-refundable fee of one hundred fifty (\$150) dollars must accompany the request to appear before the Board of Review.

ARTICLE IX - MQHA STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECTION 1

The MQHA shall by appointment of the Vice President and approval of the Board of Directors, select current Board members to be responsible for the functioning of individual committees of the Association.

SECTION 2 - COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The designated Board member will select a Committee Chairman from the membership with the approval of the Vice-President and the Board of Directors.

Committee Chairmen will select committee members from the Association membership in numbers required, and as balanced geographically as possible for the committee to function effectively. Committee chairmen will call and conduct meetings of their committees a minimum of twice a year, or whenever there is business to transact.

SECTION 3 - COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee members will attend meetings and participate in the business and functions of the committee.

SECTION 4 - COMMITTEE FUNCTION

All committees will report to the Board of Directors through their Committee Chairman of their designated Director. All committee recommendations are subject to approval of the Board of Directors, and/or the general membership if required by Constitutional provisions. All committees make up an integral division of the Association and as such are a part of the MQHA. Funds generated and funds expended by committee action are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5 - LISTING OF COMMITTEES

The following committees are those presently functioning. Additions or deletions may be made as required by the Vice-President with approval of the Board of Directors.

1. MQHA Breeder's Futurity Committee
2. MQHA Journal Committee
3. MQHA Stallion Service Sale Committee
4. MQHA Membership Committee
5. MQHA Nominations and Election Committee
6. MQHA Constitution Revision & Rules Committee
7. MQHA Show Approval Committee
8. MQHA Queen Committee
9. MQHA Shows Committee (Subdivided by show)
10. MQHA Awards Committee

11. MQHA Finance Committee
12. MQHA Convention Committee
13. Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Association
14. Amateur Committee

Liaison advisory positions may be created at any time by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. Individuals holding liaison positions shall be invited to all Board meetings however, they will have no voting rights, duties and/or authority of the regular directors.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

The Articles of this Constitution of this Association, with the exception of Article XII which requires MQHA Board approval only, may be amended at the Annual Membership Meeting, or a special meeting if the membership has been notified by ordinary mail of such proposed amendment at least thirty (30) days prior to said meeting. While not mandatory, an "intent" description clause or exact verbiage of the proposed amendment is desirable in the notification.

ARTICLE XI - MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE BREEDERS' FUTURITY

SECTION 1

The Michigan Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity is a division of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association. Rules and regulations of the Futurity are governed by the MQHA Board of Directors.

SECTION 2 - SECRETARY-TREASURER

The Secretary/Treasurer shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the MQHA Board of Directors.

SECTION 3 - MONIES RECEIVED

All monies received will be part of the MQHA and recorded separately on the MQHA budget. The MQHBF will designate, via a budget process, annual income and expenses from funds generated by the Michigan Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity.

ARTICLE XII - MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1

This organization shall be a division of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association, shall operate within the scope of the by-laws, rules and regulations of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association, (and is herewith sometimes referred to as the "Youth Association" or MQHYA).

SECTION 2 - OBJECTIVES

This Youth Association shall have as its principle objectives:

A. Development of leadership, initiative, self-reliance, sportsmanship, and other desirable traits of character.

B. To promote pride of ownership of registered Quarter Horses among boys and girls.

C. Safety in the care and handling of horses with particular regard for the welfare of others.

D. The teaching and learning of horsemanship, both care and handling of horses, and participation of the above.

E. To improve and develop the capabilities of young people individually through group participation and to encourage high moral character, sportsmanship and clean living among its members.

F. To be of service to the Michigan Quarter Horse Association.

SECTION 3 - MEMBERSHIP

A. Members of this Youth Association shall consist of, and be limited to, those members of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association who have not attained the age of nineteen (19) years by January 1st of the then current year. Initial membership of Youth should be accompanied by a birth certificate to establish birth date for eligibility to accumulate show points in the correct age brackets. Youth who are not residents of the State of Michigan may join the Association and enjoy all the benefits, except that they may not participate in Youth Team events or in any other activities expressly denied by MQHA, or the MQHYA Constitution and/or rules.

B. Members of the Youth Association shall be admitted, retained, and expelled in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Youth Association Board of Directors may, from time to time, adopt. In all matters governed by the vote of members, each member in "good

standing" shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Membership cards shall be issued and are non-transferable. All members should abide by the rules of the American Quarter Horse Association and the rules of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association.

C. A member in "good standing of this Youth Association shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges for this Youth Association which include the rights and privileges attributed to a member of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association except that a member of this Youth Association shall not:

1. Be eligible to serve as a Director or as an Officer of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association.
2. Be eligible to vote on financial matters relating to the Michigan Quarter Horse Association.

SECTION 4 - DEFINITION OF TERMS USED IN REGARD TO MEMBERSHIP

Membership in "good standing": Any individual whose dues are received by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association except while suspended by AQHA, MQHA, AQHYA and/or MQHYA for cause.

SECTION 5 - DIRECTORS

A. This Youth Association shall elect, from among its then membership in "good standing" twenty-one (21) Directors

B. *Directors*: Directors of the Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Association shall number up to twenty one (21). They shall be elected annually by those members in "good standing" and shall serve for a period of one (1) year.

C. *Vacancy*: Where a Director vacancy occurs for any reason, a replacement will be made for the balance of the year.

D. *Duties*: The Board of Directors shall be empowered to transact all business of the Association and to report such business to the membership. Such decisions as are required must be by a quorum of the Board. A quorum shall consist of not less than nine (9) board members.

E. *Absenteeism*: A Director who misses two (2) consecutive Board Meetings or more than four (4) total Board meetings during the course of the Business year

shall lose his/her Directorship and shall be replaced as outlined in Section 5-C of this Article.

F. Authority: The Board of Directors of this Youth Association shall have the power and authority to make, amend, repeal, and enforce such rules and regulations, not contrary to law or the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-Laws, as they may deem expedient concerning the conduct, management, and activities of the Youth 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 making of awards, the conducting of shows, contests, exhibitions, races, sales, and social functions, and other details relating to the general purposes of the Association, all however, subject to revision or amendment by the members at any regular or special meeting of the members, provided written notice of intention by any member to move the revision or specified amendment of any rule or regulation shall have been mailed to all members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting and subject to the Rules and By-Laws of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association and the power and authority of its Board of Directors.

G. Advisory Position: There is hereby created an Advisory position to the President and the Board of Directors, to be filled by the immediate Past-President.

SECTION 6 - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

A. Eligibility: Only members in "good standing" residing in Michigan may hold office.

B. Officers: The Officers of the Youth Association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter, all of which shall be first nominated and elected to the current Board of Directors. A person may only hold one office at a time.

C. President: The President shall be the Chief Executive officer of the Youth Association. The written contracts of the Youth Association shall be executed on behalf of the Youth Association by the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

The President shall see that the rules and regulations of the Youth Association are enforced; shall serve on the

MQHA Board of Directors as a Special Director; and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The President may from time to time create and empower other committees, general or special, and he/she shall be the ex-officio member of all committees.

The President shall submit to the members annually at their meetings a report of the status of the Youth Association and its activities during the preceding year.

Vacancy: When a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the year.

Ineligible for Directorship: Should it occur for any reason that the President, while remaining a member in "good standing" and a resident of Michigan, becomes ineligible for Directorship, such officer, even though losing his/her Directorship, shall retain the Presidency for the remainder of the year.

D. *Vice-President:* The Vice-President shall assist the President and, in addition, shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, either at regular, special or board meetings or for the Youth Association business should a vacancy occur in the Presidency.

Vacancy: When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice-President, another member of the Board of Directors shall be selected and appointed by the remaining Directors to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the year.

Ineligible for Directorship: Should it occur for any reason that the Vice-President, while remaining a member in "good-standing" and a resident of Michigan, becomes ineligible for Directorship, such officer even though losing his/her Directorship, shall retain the Vice-Presidency for the remainder of the year.

E. *Secretary:* The Secretary shall conduct the Youth Association business as directed by the President and the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors. Shall record or cause to be recorded all votes taken and the minutes of all proceedings in a minute book of the Youth Association kept for that purpose. In addition, he/she shall perform like duties for all committees when requested to do so.

Vacancy: When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Secretary, another member of the Board of Directors shall be selected and appointed by the remaining Directors to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the year.

Ineligibility for Directorship: Should it occur for any reason that the Secretary, while remaining a member in "good standing" and a resident of Michigan, becomes ineligible for Directorship, such officer, even though losing his/her Directorship, shall retain the position of secretary for the remainder of the year.

F. *Treasurer:* The Treasurer shall conduct the Youth Association business as directed by the President and the Board of Directors, and shall keep an up-to-date roster of the current membership. The MQHA Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be a mandatory co-signer of MQHYA financial accounts with the MQHYA Treasurer or the MQHA appointed Youth Director being the other co-signer. The MQHA Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be submitted a copy of all financial transactions of MQHYA.

Vacancy: When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Treasurer, another member of the Board of Directors shall be selected and appointed by the remaining Directors to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the year.

Ineligibility for Directorship: Should it occur for any reason that the Treasurer, while remaining a member in "good standing" and a resident of Michigan, becomes ineligible for Directorship, such officer, even though losing his/her Directorship, shall retain the position of treasurer for the remainder of the year.

G. *Monies Received:* All monies received will be part of the MQHA and recorded separately on the MQHA budget. The MQHYA will designate, via a budget process, annual income and expenses from funds generated by the Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Association.

H. *Reporter:* The duties of the Reporter shall be to report all activities as well as other special interest items to the Michigan Quarter Horse Journal, The American Quarter Horse Journal through the Reporter for the American Quarter Horse Association, and any other Association's news or magazines.

I. Removal of an Officer or Officers: For cause, any of the officers may be removed from the office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board of Directors.

J. Surety Bonds: All officers and members of the Youth Association who may have the handling of any funds of the Youth Association, shall secure a surety bond to be furnished at the expense of the Youth Association.

K. Review of Accounts: An annual review shall be made by a Certified Public Accountant of all accounts of the Treasurer and all other officers or members of the Youth Association, and must be certified correct by a Certified Public Accountant, in accordance with the review policy of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

SECTION 7 - GENERAL ELECTION

A. Nominating Committee: A nominating committee consisting of members in "good standing", not presently on the Youth Board of Directors, will be appointed by the Youth President, with the approval of the Youth Board of Directors. Such committee must be appointed by August 1st. The Chairman of this committee is not eligible for nomination to the Ballot. The nominations shall be submitted to the MQHYA secretary and the MQHA Executive Secretary-Treasurer prior to the November meeting.

In the event the nominating committee is unable to secure the required nominees, the Chairman should so certify in writing to the Secretary; Youth Association's Board of Directors responsibility to appoint from its membership the required number of additional Directors to fill their Board.

B. Ballots: Ballots will be offered to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Membership Meeting to all members in "good standing".

After marking their ballots, members will return them by a means designated by the MQHA. Ballots will be accepted by the MQHA office until seven (7) days prior to the Annual Membership Meeting. The results of the election will be announced to the membership at the Annual Membership Meeting and the term of office of those Directors so elected shall begin with the announcement of "election results" at the Annual Membership Meeting.

C. Election of the President: The President shall be nominated from the then current Board of Directors and elected by the Membership present at the Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Association Annual Membership Meeting. The President shall serve until replaced at the next Annual Membership Meeting of the next succeeding year. No person shall serve as President more than two (2) successive years. Any President replaced at an Annual Membership Meeting shall continue to be the presiding, but non-voting officer of such Annual Membership Meeting until adjournment.

D. Election of the Vice-President: The Vice-President shall be nominated from the current Board of Directors and elected by the Membership present at the Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Association Annual Membership Meeting.

E. Election of Secretary: The Secretary shall be nominated from the current Board of Directors and elected by the Membership present at the Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Association Annual Membership Meeting.

F. Election of the Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be nominated from the current Board of Directors and elected by the Membership present at the Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Association Annual Membership Meeting.

G. Election of the Reporter: The Reporter shall be nominated from the current Board of Directors and elected by the Membership present at the Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Association Annual Membership Meeting.

H. Proxy Vote: In all elections of the Youth Association, the majority will rule. No proxy votes permitted.

SECTION 8 - GENERAL AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

A. Annual Membership Meeting: An Annual Membership Meeting will be held in the month of December of the current fiscal year (or in January or February of the following year). The time and place of this meeting will be determined by the Board of Directors at least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting.

B. Special Meetings: Special Meetings of the membership may be held at any time on the call of the

President, the Board of Directors, or by notice signed by no less than ten (10) percent of the members of the Youth Association.

C. Board Meetings: The President may call a Board Meeting at any time or shall call a Board Meeting on the request of four or more Board members. Board of Director's meetings shall be open to the membership except those specifically designated as Executive Session by the President. All Board meetings are closed to non-Members, except advisors, or by invitation of the President.

D. Order of Business:

Regular Meetings - The order of business at regular meetings shall be as follows:

- Roll Call of Officers
- Read and approval of minutes of previous meetings and board meetings
- Financial reports
- Other Reports
- Unfinished Business
- New business
- Adjournment

Annual Membership Meeting - The order of business at the Annual Membership Meeting shall also include:

- Announcement of election results and installation of new Directors
- Election of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Reporter
- Election of Advisors

SECTION 9 - NUMBER OF ADVISORS

There shall be a group of six (6) adult advisors:

A. Five (5) elected at the annual meeting by the current Board of Directors of the Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Association.

B. One (1) advisor to be appointed by the Michigan Quarter Horse Association from their Board of Directors who is responsible for Youth Activities.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SELECTIONS OF THE ABOVE (A) CANDIDATES:

1. Must be an individual or life member in "good standing" of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association.

2. A list of not less than ten (10) nominees for the succeeding year shall be selected by the Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Association Board no later than their regular September Board Meeting.

3. The nominee list shall be submitted for individual approval and consideration by the Michigan Quarter Horse Association Board prior to or at the Michigan Quarter Horse Association November Board Meeting. Individual approval by MQHA is required.

SECTION 10 - DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. One of the elected adult advisors will be appointed as one of the representatives to the MQ Board.

B. The President and Vice-President of the Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Association shall automatically serve in conjunction with the appointed advisor to the Michigan Quarter Horse Association Board of Directors.

C. The advisors shall offer assistance when necessary or when called upon by the President or the Board of Directors.

D. An adult advisor shall be assigned by the Board to work with each officer.

E. Vacancy: Where an MQHYA Advisor's vacancy occurs for any reason, an MQHA approved replacement will be made by the majority of the Youth Association Board of Directors for the balance of the year.

F. Absenteeism: An MQHYA Advisor who misses two (2) consecutive unexcused Board Meetings or more than four (4) total Board Meetings during the course of the year shall lose his Advisorship and shall be replaced as outlined in E of this Section.

SECTION 11 - AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws of the Article XII under which the Youth Association operates may be amended by a majority vote of members present at the Annual Membership Meeting or a special meeting of the membership provided the entire membership has been notified by ordinary mail of such proposed amendment at least thirty (30) days prior to said meeting. While not mandatory, an "intent" description clause or exact verbiage of the proposed amendment is desirable in the

notification. MQHA Board ratification is required (see Article VII).

SECTION 12 - DEFINITIONS

Association: Michigan Quarter Horse Association

Youth Association: Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Association

Unexcused Absence: Any absence without cause, or with cause that had not been reported to any officer of the respective Association twelve (12) hours in advance of the meeting. Emergencies, of course, excepted.

APPENDIX: This appendix is not intended to be a formal part of the Constitution. This appendix is intended as an organizational aid, a definition of term and a series of job descriptions. It may be changed, updated, and so forth, by the President, or by the Board actions required to meet the operational needs of this Association.

MQHA ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND JOB-CHART DEFINITIONS

1. PAST PRESIDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

A. Advisory to the President only. No policy making powers.

B. Made up of all Past Presidents - the immediate Past President is automatically Chairman.

2. PRESIDENT:

According to the MQHA Constitution Article IV, Section 3, the President shall be Chief Executive Officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the Association. The written contracts of the association shall be executed on behalf of the association by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

The President shall see that the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Association are enforced and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

The President may from time to time create and empower other committees, general or special, and he/she shall be ex officio member of all committees.

3. ROLE DESCRIPTION OF PRESIDENT:

- A. Accept responsibility and accountability for operation of MQHA.
- B. Establish MQHA objectives for his/her term in office.
- C. Approve Vice-President's recommendations for Director and committee assignments as per organizational chart.
- D. Emphasize Director responsibility as per organizational chart.
- E. Set example for meeting attendance and punctuality.
- F. Appoint Ad Hoc Committee as needed.
- G. File report of MQHA accomplishments at end of term for MQHA archives.

4. VICE PRESIDENT:

According to the MQHA Constitution Article IV, Section 4, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, either at regular or special Board meetings or for Association business should a vacancy occur in the Presidency.

5. ROLE DESCRIPTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT:

- A. Accept responsibility and accountability for effective functioning of Directors and committees under his direction.

- B. Approve Directors recommendations for Chairman and committee members assignments as per organizational chart and submit to President as necessary for good performance
- C. Set example for meeting attendance and punctuality.
- D. Call special meetings as necessary for good performance.

6. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER:

- A. Execute all matters of policy made by Board of Directors.
- B. Handle all incoming and outgoing correspondence including all necessary reports to various organizations and agencies requiring MQHA reports.
- C. Maintain membership records.
- D. Collect dues and special assessments.
- E. Pay authorized bills.
- F. Publish Board of Directors meeting minutes.
 - 1. Hand in publishable form as per requirements of the Journal.
 - a. Correctly spelled, neatly typed with correct margins.
 - b. To be in editor's possession with in five (5)days of meeting.
- G. Have financial reports at each regular Board Meeting.
- H. Refer members to proper committee to handle any problems dealing with their area of involvement.
- I. Cooperate with MQHYA Secretary and Treasurer.
- J. Bookkeeping.
- K. File Federal and State Tax
- L. Do all mailings.

7. DIRECTORS

- A. Accept responsibility and accountability for performance of committees under their direction.
- B. Appoint committee chairman and members as per organizational chart with approval of Vice-President.
- C. Set example for meeting attendance and punctuality.
- D. Call special meetings as necessary for good performance.

- E. Make it his/her business to know what his/her constituency wants and represent them as such.
- F. Voluntarily submit his resignation if circumstance dictates that he/she cannot fulfill the Director responsibilities.

8. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN - Generally pertaining to all chairmen

- A. Accept responsibility and accountability for committee under his/her direction.
- B. Plan and lay out framework the committee will function within.
- C. Have any questions dealing with MQHA policy or monies approved by Board of Directors.
- D. Make reports to Board of Directors as necessary and at least one report quarterly. When possible the report is to be sent to the central office neatly typed, to be sent out prior to the Board Meeting.
- E. Make requests for funding to Finance Committee by November 1st of business year so as to be included in the budget.

9. JOB DESCRIPTION MQHA EDITOR - Editor of the Michigan Quarter Horse Journal included the following duties.

A. To process advertising and work with the production staff and printer to achieve high quality Journal ads.

B. To work with Printer in maintaining quality and reasonable cost. To solicit bids and samples of work from printers when requested by the committee.

C. To cooperate with MQHA committees in providing promotional coverage for special events and means of communication with general membership.

D. To prepare a monthly statement of income and expense for the Board and committee chairperson and to work with committee chairperson in preparing a projected budget at the end of the fiscal year.

E. To research and write feature articles, cover and report on Association shows, MQHA Queen Contest, MQHA Breeders' Futurity and the MQHA Annual Convention.

F. To regularly attend journal committee meetings to answer questions pertinent to the Journal that may arise and to stay aware of policies, events, etc. which may be of interest to the Journal.

H. To actively solicit advertisers through marketing campaigns, attendance at horse industry related events and personal contacts.

I. To make a monthly billing book for the Central Office.

LINES OF COMMUNICATION:

1. All advertising materials and editorial materials must go through the editor's office postmarked by the deadline.

2. The editor consults with the central office on matters of billing, mailing, lists, record keeping, and materials for the Journal. All other concerns should be communicated through the Journal committee.

10. POINT SECRETARY:

A. Work under Show Approval Committee

B. Record and publish all MQHA points.

11. FUTURITY SECRETARY:

A. Formulate policy and practice with Futurity Committee and so execute.

B. Type, print and distribute all nominating entry forms as scheduled in MQHBF rules.

C. If a claiming sale is decided to be held by Futurity Committee to:

1. Determine eligibility of nominated sale entry.

2. Mail sale nomination application upon request.

3. Assist Futurity Committee in any reasonable requests for secretarial or clerical items.

4. Cause to be printed catalog of sale animals.

D. Prior to Futurity Show:

1. Figure premiums (monies).

2. Order in plenty of time, ribbons and trophies.

3. Obtain insurance.

4. Make reservation for show site, chosen by committee.

E. Manage Futurity Secretary office at Futurity handling all necessary procedures such as:

1. Stall assignments.

2. Entry of Get and Produce.

3. Assign exhibitor numbers.

4. Pay judges and ringmasters.

F. Post Futurity Show:

1. Correlate show results.

2. Turn in futurity results in printable form as per journal requirements.
3. Results must be in editor's hands in time for November issue of MQHA Journal of current year.
4. Prepare and distribute Futurity premium checks.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEES:

12. GENERAL RULES:

- A. After any committee has formulated policy and practice, these must be presented to the Board of Directors for approval.
- B. Committees must have a minimum of two (2) meetings per year.
 1. Organizational meeting - first (1st) month of business year, or when appointed.
 2. Meeting last month of business year to review accomplishments and unfinished business.
- C. Committee Chairman must see to it that the Board of Directors have at least one (1) report from committee each quarter (can be done through Director in whose area committee functions), as per organizational chart.
- D. Must have approval of Board to spend over \$100.00

13. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

- A. Formulate policy and practice in cooperation with Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

14. NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE:

Formulate policy and practice:

- A. As per Article V, Section 1: Committee is appointed no later than April 1st.
- B. Committee should receive January 30th membership list at time appointed.
- C. Areas of consideration:
 1. Having nominations made by July 1st.
 2. Printing candidates' pictures and resumes.
 3. That each candidate has such leadership qualities that he would be a Presidential timber.
 4. Handle any ballots when general membership is polled on any issue.

15. FUTURITY COMMITTEE:

Formulate policy and practice with Futurity Secretary.

Areas of consideration:

A. Planning of Futurity.

1. Hiring show personnel (Judges, ringmasters, announcers, etc.)
2. Choosing show site and date.
3. Supply proper manpower for show.
4. See that all areas are covered - i.e. Sale Manager, Show Manager, Barn.
5. Select appropriate awards other than monies paid to be given at the Futurity.
6. May request assistance of Awards Committee in purchase of awards if so desired by Futurity Committee.

16. SHOW APPROVAL COMMITTEE:

Formulate policy and practice with Point Secretary.

Areas of consideration:

A. Show approval meetings:

1. One (1) per year with attendance at meeting a prerequisite for approval.

B. Expansion of show listing in Journal calendar of events - carrying show name, show secretary name, address, and phone number.

C. Publish the Bluebook with all showbills in the April Journal of each year.

D. This committee will be the State Fair Liaison.

1. Chairperson to attend State Fair Meetings and be Breed Representative.

E. Application for NEW shows after second (2) meeting, will be acted on individually by Show Approval Committee.

17. JOURNAL COMMITTEE:

Formulate policy and practice with Journal Editor. Refer to job definition of editor.

18. YOUTH ADVISORS:

To be elected by Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Association from a list approved by MQ Board of Directors. To advise on policy and practice or MQHYA. To be liaison between Michigan Quarter Horse

Association and Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Association.

19. MQ SHOW COMMITTEE:

Formulate policy and practice with Executive Secretary-Treasurer, manage and produce Annual MQ Shows. This committee is sub-divided to include all MQHA shows.

- A. Sponsors.
- B. Ribbons and Trophies.
 - 1. May request assistance of Awards Committee in purchase of ribbons and trophies if so desired by MQHA Show Committee.
- C. Judge, Ringmaster, Gatemen, Announcer, Barn Superintendent.
- D. Printing of Programs.
- E. Anything else dealing with the show.

20. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Formulate policy and Practice.

- A. Draw up budget for operating funds.
- B. Draw up budget for project funds.
- C. Know our status with U.S. IRS and Michigan RS.

21. STALLION SERVICE SALE AND FUTURITY COMMITTEE:

Formulate policy and practice. Areas of consideration.

- A. Stallion Service Sale.
- B. Stallion Service Futurity. Work in cooperation with Convention Committee and MQ Futurity Committee.

22. AWARDS COMMITTEE:

Formulate policy and practice.

- A. Manage any circumstances involving any award(s) given in the name of MQHA or at one of its official functions with the exception of the MQHA Annual Horse Show(s) and the MQHA Breeders' Futurity.
- B. Do the planning, ordering, and purchasing of any award(s) presented by MQHA with the exception of the MQHA annual Horse Show and MQHA Breeders' Futurity.

C. Work in cooperation with MQ Convention Committee if award(s) are to be presented at a social function such as the MQHA Convention.

D. Awards Committee usually will manage Special Award: i.e.: Year-end Horse Awards based on MQHA point system, depending on MQ/MY status at the time; Sportsman of the Year Awards; President Recognition of Board Members.

E. Investigate other areas of recognition awards.

1. Member of the Year.

2. Outstanding or meritorious service awards to people inside or outside MQHA who have done separate and distinct service to or for MQHA above and beyond that usually expected of persons.

F. Assist MQHA Show Committee and Futurity Committee in obtaining awards if said committees request this aid.

23. MQHA CONVENTION:

Formulate policy and practice.

A. Manage any official social function of MQHA

1. Site and Date

2. Menu

3. Speakers

4. Band or Entertainment

5. Any other function reasonably classified in this area.

2014 RULE BOOK

SECTION 1 – MQHA BREEDERS’ FUTURITY

MISSION

The purpose of the Michigan Quarter Horse Breeders’ Futurity is to promote and showcase American Quarter Horses resulting from Michigan breeding programs.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. All entries are eligible under any one of the following guidelines:
 - a. if the sire of the entry sold in the Stallion Service Sale in the current year sale
 - b. if the sire of the entry sold in the Stallion Service Sale the year of conception or as a carry over breeding
 - c. if the entry is Michigan owned
 - d. if the entry is Michigan bred – which is defined as the sire or the dam resides in Michigan, or the owners of those reside in Michigan.
2. All owners of record, open and non-pro/amateur exhibitors must be members in good standing of MQHA and AQHA.
 - A. Any person on suspension or otherwise denied privileges from MQHA will be ineligible to exhibit or have horses exhibited at the Futurity if the Futurity is held during the specified dates of said suspension. All horses which are recorded in the name of such person, or owned in whole or part by such person, are not eligible to participate in said Futurity.
 - B. Any horse on suspension from MQHA will be ineligible to be exhibited at the Futurity if the Futurity is held during the specified dates of said suspension.
 - C. Any violation of AQHA rules, which the Michigan Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity adheres to as if the Futurity is an AQHA approved show, could result in the following: 1) Forfeiture of all monies and awards and 2) the exhibitor of the entry could

be ineligible for exhibiting horses in the following year's Futurity.

3. Weanlings: Weanlings may be shown at halter as follows: open and/or non-pro fillies; and open and/or non-pro stallions or geldings.

4. Yearlings: Yearlings may be shown at halter as follows: open and/or amateur mares, open and/or amateur stallions, and open and/or amateur geldings. Yearlings may also be shown in open and/or non-pro yearling longe line, which will be considered performance classes.

A. The MQHBF will follow NSBA yearling longe line rules.

5. Two Year Olds: Two year olds may be shown in performance classes in open and/or non-pro.

6. Three Year Olds: Three year olds may be shown in performance classes in open and/or non-pro.

7. Four Year Olds & Over: Four year olds & over may be shown in performance classes in open and/or non pro and are exempt from the Futurity eligibility requirements.

8. Horses entered in three year old performance may be shown one handed in a bit or two handed in a snaffle bit or bosal.

9. The Michigan Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity will be shown each year at such place as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

10. All classes will be judged by a qualified judge or judges.

11. All fees and dues dates will be published in the MQHA Journal.

12. The Stallion Service Sale will pay a \$25 nomination fee to the Michigan Quarter Horse Breeders Futurity for weanlings entered or nominated to the Futurity.

CLASS ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND FEES

13. To enter a 'Michigan Bred' horse in an open and/or non-pro halter or performance class at the Futurity, the following conditions must be complied with:

A. A weanling must be eligible to be registered in either the appendix or numbered section of the AQHA Stud Book.

B. Weanling sire and dam information, as well as the foal's date of birth must be included with

original weanling entry. If the foal is not yet born by the payment due date, the sex and foaling date information must be provided as soon as possible.

- C. Yearlings and older must be registered with either the appendix or numbered registry of the AQHA Stud Book and a copy of the registration papers must accompany the payment of fees.
- D. If an entry is gelded, it is the owner's responsibility to notify the Futurity office in writing no later than August 15th prior to the date of the Futurity. Notification after the date of August 15th will require an additional payment of the entry fee amount to register and show in the gelding class.

14. Each class entry fee is a one time payment, with the fee progressively greater based on postmark date. The class entry fee schedule is published in the MQHA Journal.

15. All owners of record, open and non-pro exhibitors must be members of MQHA or pay the appropriate membership fee.

- A. Amateur exhibitor status will be determined according to current AQHA amateur rules. An amateur in the Michigan Quarter Horse Breeder's Futurity is required to hold an AQHA amateur card and present their card at the Futurity office.

- B. All exhibitors must be declared at least one class prior to the start of their class. Exhibitors in the first class of the day must be declared at least one-half (1/2) hour prior to the start of the show day.

16. All payments to the Futurity must be made to the secretary of the Michigan Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity. Canadian entrants must make payments payable in U.S. funds. Entries will not be accepted by telephone. Entries may be faxed to the MQHA Office if accompanied by a Visa, MasterCard or Discover number.

REFUNDS

17. No entry is liable for more than the amount paid in, but there will be no return of a payment unless the showing of the Futurity is called off in any and all divisions. The right is reserved to reject an entry, and to bar any entry from competition for failure to comply with the conditions of the Futurity.

18. In the event of the death of a Futurity horse prior to the Futurity, a refund will be allowed. The MQHA office must be notified in writing and a death certificate from a veterinarian must be submitted within 30 days of the horse's death.

Non-sufficient Funds

19. Any entry whose payment of fees is returned by the bank for non-sufficient funds or any other reason will be assessed late/penalty fees. Such entry will be ineligible to show until all such fees have been paid by cash, certified check, or money order. Payment in full must be received by the day of the Futurity.

PRIZE FUND

20. The value of the prize fund of the Futurity each year will be the total amount of money paid in entry fees, less 20%.

21. The following will be the payback format used in all open & non-pro classes based on the number of horses entered and paying a minimum of 4 places. (SEE CHART ON BACK PAGE)

22. Any money remaining from the operating fund after expenses will be included in the following year's operating fund.

23. Six ribbons will be awarded per class for all MQHBF classes.

24. Tie-breaker system: All placings will be determined on a point system.

- A. In the event there is a tie for first place, the following rules will be in effect: Prize monies for the tied entries will be added together and divided equally. The entries will be listed in the official results as tied and will receive equal publicity. Only one award will be given. The recipients of the first place award will be determined by the use of a tie breaker judge. All tied first place winners will receive first place ribbons.
- B. In the event there is a tie for any placing other than first, the following rules will be in effect: Prize monies for the tied entries will be added together and divided equally. The entries will be listed in the official results as tied. The recipient

of the ribbon for the tied placing will be determined by the use of a tie breaker judge.

- C. An additional two horses will be placed beyond horses paid in each class.

POST ENTRIES

25. A post entry shall be defined as an entry made during the Futurity. Post entries will be accepted at the Futurity accompanied by the appropriate fees under the following conditions:

- A. Once the in-gate opens for a class, no more post entries will be allowed for that class.
- B. Once the gate is open, only those whose back number appears on the recorder sheet shall be allowed to enter the ring.

DISPUTED ENTRIES

26. In the case that a back number is not present on the recorder sheet, the gate will be held until the owner/agent or exhibitor can verify that payment was made for the class prior to the opening of the in-gate.

- A. If the owner/agent or exhibitor cannot provide immediate evidence of payment but still feels an error has been made on the part of the Futurity, the entry may be allowed into the ring under the following conditions:
 - 1. A check, cash or credit card is used for full payment of the class with the appropriate late fees.
 - 2. A \$50.00 earnest fee is collected.
 - 3. The class will be judged with the entry in question.
 - 4. The owner/agent or exhibitor shall have 30 days after the class to produce evidence that the class had indeed been entered prior to the opening of the in-gate. If the Futurity has made an entry error, the class payment, late fees and \$50.00 earnest money paid at the in-gate shall be returned.
 - 5. If pre-payment cannot be verified, the money collected at the in-gate shall be retained as payment for the class.
- B. It shall be the owner's responsibility to verify the accuracy of all entry information and to notify the

MQHA office immediately if any corrections are necessary in the published list of entries.

JUDGING, EXHIBITING, EQUIPMENT AND ARTIFICIAL APPLIANCES

27. Judging begins when the gate is closed. The in-gate will not be re-opened once judging has begun.

- A. Failure by exhibitor to wear correct number(s) in a visible manner shall result in disqualification.
- B. Two and three year old performance classes will be split at the discretion of the show management.
- C. The Futurity Committee follows all AQHA rules and regulations regarding bits, bosals and artificial appliances. Further, the Futurity Committee, at its discretion, reserves the right to do a random check in all classes for artificial devices or equipment. If there are any violations discovered, then the horse involved will not be allowed to enter the ring.

DRUG TESTING

28. For the purposes of the Breeders' Futurity *ONLY*, weanlings will not be subject to drug testing. All horses exhibited at the MQHBF are subject to the current AQHA Drug testing rules and regulations.

- A. Every exhibitor at the Michigan Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity shall upon request permit a specimen of urine, saliva, blood or other substance to be taken for testing. Refusal to comply with such request shall constitute grounds for immediate disqualification of the animal from further participation at the show and forfeiture of all awards earned by that animal. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis is of the presence of a forbidden drug or medication, this shall be taken as prima facie evidence that such substance has been administered to the horse either internally or externally.
- B. The exhibitor, whether owner or otherwise, shall be responsible for, and be the absolute insurer of, the condition of the horses he/she enters and exhibits, regardless of the acts of third parties.
- C. Any person entering the arena with a horse for the purpose of having his/her horse judged shall be

deemed to have given his or her consent to have said horse submit to testing.

- D. If a positive drug test occurs at the MQHA Futurity, it could result in a maximum penalty of forfeiture of all monies and awards earned by that horse and owner/exhibitor in that current year's Futurity. In addition, the owner/exhibitor may be ineligible to show or have any of their horses shown in the following year's Futurity.
1. A sub-committee, consisting of, the Futurity Director, the Drug Testing Director and the MQHA Executive Committee, will review the drug test information and make its recommendation to the MQ Board.
 2. The MQ Board will then proceed with the final decision abiding by section 8, MQHA DRUG TESTING AND THERAPEUTIC MEDICATION RULES in the MQHA rule book, or any other applicable AQHA guideline.

SECTION 2 - MQHA STALLION SERVICE AUCTION, FUTURITY AND SNAFFLE BIT

29. The Concept:

A. To provide a select, direct entry Futurity for the benefit and promotion of both Stallions and Mares through participation in this Futurity.

B. To develop a high-money Futurity funded by the sale of donated stallion services.

C. This Futurity will be known as the MQHA Stallion Service Sale Futurity. It is only for foals resulting from the Stallion Service Sale. Classes offered are: weanling halter, yearling longe line, two-year-old snaffle bit, and three year old hunter under saddle. The MQHA Stallion Service Sale Futurity is completely separate and different from the regular MQHA Breeder's Futurity.

D. All foals showing in the Stallion Service Sale Futurity (mare owners and stallion owners) must be eligible to be registered with a known breed association.

30. The Procedure:

A. The MQHA Stallion Service Sale Futurity will be held in conjunction with the MQHA Breeders' Futurity

and judged by three judges. One judge can be a non-AQHA approved judge.

B. A stallion owner will be eligible to enter a foal from the Stallion he/she donates. A stallion owner may donate more than one service if he/she wishes to do so. The stallion owner (agent) shall notify MQHA in writing, by September 1st of the year shown, the choice of which entry will represent the stallion. Entries will be accepted from September 2nd to the start of the class but will be subject to a late fee. The stallion owner (agent) is the owner (agent) who signed the breeding contract for the year the foal was conceived. Any conflicts will be decided by the SSS Committee. All decisions are final.

C. Proceeds of the auction will be divided as follows after expenses: 20% MQHA, 40% Stallion Owner's purse, 40% Mare Owner's purse.

1. Stallion Service Sale pays MQHA 20% for MQHA contribution, which provides the Stallion Service Sale/Futurity Secretary. Stallion Service Sale will pay all additional expenses directly related to the Stallion Service Sale and a percentage of expenses incurred directly at the MQHBF/SSS circuit. Any expenses arising from past years sales will affect the current year's purse.

D. Purchase of a service must be paid for on the day of the auction. Cash, money order, Visa/Mastercard or personal check will be accepted.

E. September 10th is the cut-off date to purchase unsold stallion services from the MQHA Stallion Service Sale.

31. PAYBACKS:

A. The purse structure is as follows: 34% to weanling fillies (mare owners and stallion owners), 34% to weanling colts or geldings (mare owners and stallion owners), 17% to the 2-year-old snaffle bit class entries (mare owners and stallion owners) 7% to the yearling longe line (mare owners and stallion owners) and 5% to the 3 Year Old Hunter Under Saddle (mare owners and stallion owners). Classes with fewer than 5 entries may be run concurrently and awarded by mare owner and stallion owner division. A 3% discretionary fund is established and its use will be decided by the committee

on an annual basis. It will provide for larger awards and start up paybacks.

1. For the weanlings, the total weanling purse will be divided equally between the four weanling classes and the paybacks will go to six (6) places. If there are more than 32 exhibitors in the class, that class payback will go to seven (7) places. 6 places will pay 30%, 24%, 18%, 12%, 9% and 7%. 7 places will pay 29%, 23%, 15%, 11%, 9%, 7%, and 6%. The yearling long line, the two year old and the three year old SSS classes will follow the SSS Payback Schedule.

B. In the event of a tie, the tie breaker judge will decide who receives the award and ribbon, but monies will be combined and divided equally, the tie positions shall be designated as co-position (example: two-way tie for 1st place will be designated Co-Champions of said class).

32. General Rules:

A. The primary means of raising revenue will be an auction, to be held at the MQHA Annual Convention.

B. Cut-off date for all Stallion Service donations will be the day of and prior to the start of the MQHA Stallion Service Sale auction.

C. Foals from this breeding will not be automatically paid up in the regular MQHA Breeders' Futurity.

D. Any disputed contracts will be arbitrated by the MQHA Stallion Service Sale Committee and all decisions of this committee will be final.

E. Terms and conditions of the auction will apply and be strictly adhered to.

F. A stallion's service must sell in order for the Stallion owner's foal to be eligible.

G. There will be five halter classes at the Futurity (Mare Owner Colts/Geldings and Mare Owner Fillies, Stallion Owner Colts/Geldings, Stallion Owner Fillies and Non-Pro Weanling), one Yearling Longe Line class, two 2-year old western pleasure snaffle bit classes: mare owner snaffle bit and stallion owner snaffle bit, and one 3-year old hunter under saddle class.

H. A Non-Pro Halter Class will be offered for any weanling sired by a stallion that sold in the prior year Stallion Service Sale Auction. This weanling is not

eligible to show in any other weanling SSS class. The class is Non-Pro only and requires MQHA membership and will have an entry fee. The added money will come from the discretionary fund and the amount will be determined on a yearly basis by the SSS Committee. 20% of the entry fee will be retained.

1. The two year old mare owner snaffle bit entry must be out of the mare declared during the breeding year three years previously, or the result of a rebreed the following year. The stallion owner snaffle bit entry is an entry by a stallion donated three years previously and declared by the stallion owner (agent) that signed the breeding contract. The stallion owner is allowed a free entry. All two year olds that are eligible for the MSSS snaffle bit classes must declare their intent to show in the respective class by sending in the entry form by September 1st. Entries will be accepted from September 2nd to the start of the class but will be subject to a late fee.

I. The MQHA Stallion Service Sale Yearling Longe Line Class will follow current NSBA Longe Line rules.

1. This class is open to all yearlings sired by MQHA Stallion Service Sale stallions that sold two years previously in the MQHA Stallion Service Sale. (i.e. Stallion sold in 2004, yearling shows in 2006).

2. Entry fees, late fees and any added money, less no more than 10% for expenses, will determine the class purse. The entry fee will be due by September 1st of the calendar year. A late fee in addition to the entry fee will be assessed for entries received after September 1st and up to the day of the show.

3. A Stallion owner whose stallion's breeding has sold two years previously is eligible for one free entry in the SSS Yearling Longe Line class. (i.e. Stallion sold in 2004, free entry for yearling in 2006).

J. All yearlings, two year olds and three year olds must show registration papers on the day of the futurity or mail a copy with the entry. Late entries must show registration papers upon making entry.

K. Stallion owners may show any of their stallion's get (as long as the foal is eligible or already registered with a known breed association).

1. In the event a Stallion owner wishes to give another person authorization to exhibit an entry by

their stallion in the appropriate stallion owner class, a letter of authorization must be sent to the Michigan Quarter Horse Association office. No exhibitor will be allowed to show in stallion owner classes without an authorization letter. The authorization letter must indicate how any winnings will be dispersed.

L. If a mare owner sells his/her horse, the eligibility goes along with the horse.

M. Bids for all stallions in the MQHA Stallion Service Sale Auction will start at sixty (60%) percent of their advertised breeding fee or a minimum of \$400.00. Mail in bids will be sold at 60% or highest bid over 60 % (minimum or \$400.00). There will be an additional \$25 office fee added to each transaction for each stallion sold.

N. A Three Year Old Hunter Under Saddle for mare owner and stallion owner will be offered. The entry will be due by September 1st of the calendar year. Entries will be accepted from September 2nd to the start of the class but will be subject to a late fee.

1. A 3 Year Old Hunter Under Saddle entry must be the result of a MQHA Stallion Service Sale Auction. The breeding would have been purchased by the mare owner four (4) years prior. (i.e. Breeding sells in 2004, entry shows in 2008).

2. The Stallion owner would get one free entry provided the breeding sold four (4) years prior. (i.e. Breeding sold in 2004, entry shows in 2008).

3. Entries are required to send a copy of the horse's registration papers with their entry form and fee. Entries the day of the Futurity must show registration papers at the show.

4. The AQHA Junior Hunter Under Saddle rules will apply; any exhibitor violating those rules will be disqualified.

O. All entries of the MSSS must have the correct back number on or they will be disqualified.

33. MQHA STALLION SERVICE SALE RULES:

A. Any disputes over eligibility will be decided by the Stallion Service Sale Committee. Their decision will be final.

B. All donated stallion breeding services will be treated equally (advertising, etc.).

C. All Mare Owners who purchased a stallion service through the MQHA Michigan Stallion Service

Sale auction are required to declare one mare bred before December 1st of the year of the auction. If declaration is not made by December 1st, but by January 1st following the year of the auction, a \$25 penalty will be imposed for eligibility. If declaration is not made before January 1st following the year of the auction, the resulting foal will be considered ineligible for competition in the MQHA Stallion Service Sale Futurities. The year following the auction will be the extent of validity of all contracts purchased through the auction.

D. All Mare Owners who purchased a stallion service through the MQHA Michigan Stallion Service Sale auction may declare additional mares (provided he/she is owner or lessee of record) for a fee of \$25 per mare due by December 1st of the year of the auction or \$125 due January 1st following the year of the auction.

E. The stallion owner's entry is in the year following his/her donation (As per 2009 Sale, 2010 Futurity) provided the service sells.

F. The MQHA Stallion Service Sale Committee must be notified in writing when a mare is open or a substitute mare is necessary. A copy of this notification must be sent to the MQHA Office and the SSS Director.

G. A written notice will be returned to the mare owner and the stallion owner by the SSS Committee upon receipt of this notification in response to rule "E".

H. All money will be paid as per MQHA Stallion Service Sale records.

I. No money will be transferred to another year.

J. In the Stallion Owner Class the stallion owner may show a foal out of any mare and by the stallion he/she donated. The stallion owner does not have to own the foal or the mare.

K. Each stallion breeding service donated and sold allows the stallion owner one (1) entry.

L. The stallion owner who buys back his/her own service will have one entry in the stallion owner class and one entry in the mare owner class. However, the mare owner entry must follow all mare declaration guidelines as previously stated.

M. In the case of the death of a foal after it stands and sucks, the contract will be considered to have been fulfilled.

N. The mare owner must own or be a registered lessee with a known breed association at the time of breeding.

O. When a stallion sells in the three previous years' auction and then becomes unfit to breed, is sold, or dies, his last foal crop (last year he sold and bred mares) will be eligible to compete in the SSS performance classes through their 3 year old year (yearling longe line and then in two years in the three year old classes).

SECTION 3 - MQHA SHOW/SPECIAL EVENT APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

(MQHA Show/Special Event will hereafter be referred to as S/SE)

34. AQHA rules will govern all matters concerning the registration and showing of horses. Please refer to the AQHA rulebook for appropriate rules.

35. S/SE Approval, Probations, Violations

A. Obtaining MQHA S/SE Approval:

1. A group must first be an approved sponsor of an AQHA S/SE.
2. The S/SE manager, secretary or a pre-approved representative must attend the annual S/SE approval seminar conducted by the show approval committee.
3. A show packet will be provided to each S/SE, the purpose of which is to help standardize and ease the job of the S/SE management and entry procedures for the exhibitors. The show packet will contain the following:
 - a. **One (1) copy of section** three of the MQHA rulebook pertaining to MQHA Show/SE approval requirements.
 - b. MQHA Membership Forms
 - c. AQHA rule changes (if available)
 - d. MQHA code of ethics
4. The S/SE manager and S/SE secretary must be current members of MQHA.
5. No shows or special events conducting youth classes will be approved for MQHA youth team points if that S/SE is held on a school day, but will count for year end points.
6. No new S/SE will be granted MQHA approval if a MQHA S/SE already exists on the requested

date. The S/SE that has MQHA approval has precedence over the new requesting S/SE. Exception: A restricted special event may be allowed by the show approval committee provided that there are no event conflicts.

7. Any S/SE requiring horses to stay on the grounds for a specified period of time will not be approved.

B. Failure to meet requirements may result in probation or possible suspension at the discretion of the show approval committee.

C. When a show is put on probation for violation of a rule or regulation, they will be notified in writing of the probation with only a warning to correct the situation for the first year, the second year of probation will result in a fine of \$250, the third year will be \$300, fourth year will be \$450; for each year after an additional fee of \$150 will be added. This fee will be for a repeat violation of the same offense.

36. Required Forms, Information & Fees to be Submitted to MQHA

A. By the annual Show Approval Seminar:

- Completed MQHA Horse S/SE Application.
- Typewritten rough draft of proposed showbill. The show bill should include the following:

1. Date(s) of show(s).
2. Starting time.
3. Listing of proposed class order with appropriate AQHA class code including MQHA Class Codes if offering MQHA Small Fry / Lead Line Classes.
 - a. (900) Small Fry Halter
 - b. (901) Small Fry Showmanship
 - c. (902) Small Fry Western Pleasure
 - d. (903) Small Fry Horsemanship
 - e. (904) Small Fry Trial
 - f. (905) Small Fry HUS
 - g. (906) Small Fry Equitation
 - h. (910) MQHA Lead Line
 - i. (911) MQHA Intermediate Lead Line
4. Location of S/SE, including city and state.
5. A map to the facility with written directions.
6. Lodging - list area motels/hotels with phone numbers.
7. Fees:

- a. Entry fees
 - b. Admittance fees
 - c. Stall fees
 - d. MQHA charge of \$1.00 per horse per S/SE
 - e. AQHA Drug Testing Fee/ Processing Fee per current AQHA rules.
8. Showbill must contain name, address and phone number of an exhibitor contact.
9. S/SE approvals - list each association for which approval has been granted. Designate after each class if the class is approved by other than AQHA for example, show NSBA or NRHA for classes holding such approval.
- B. The names of all judges hired must be mailed or called into the show approval committee each year. All changes in judges must be reported to the MQHA show approval committee and MQHA office immediately upon your knowledge of need for a change in judges.
- C. Prior to January 1st:
- Any hardship requests in writing
 - Names of any judges hired
- D. Prior to February 10th:
- Copy of the AQHA Confirmation Date Letter.
 - Completed showbill.
 - Names of any judges hired.
- E. Prior to 90 Days of your S/SE:
- Check for the appropriate fees payable to MQHA.
 - Approval fee for existing shows will be \$200 per show.
 - Approval fee for new shows will be \$250 per show.
 - Approval fee for shows on probation will be \$200 per show day plus \$250 penalty fee per show.
 - Approval fee for special events will be \$100 per approved special event.
 - Approval fee for an all novice show will be \$100.
- F. Prior to 30 Days of your S/SE:
- Copy of AQHA Approval letter listing date of show, class codes and judge(s).

- Certificate of Liability Insurance naming MQHA as an additional insured. Policy must be at least \$1,000,000.

G. **Within Ten (10) Days** after the completion of circuit:

- Complete set of results including Grand and Reserve – if sending electronically using Horse Shows for Windows program, this would be the (.TXT files)
- A copy of the Judges' Cards
- Small Fry & Lead Line results (if applicable & not included in the electronic format)
- PDF Files of the class results, showing how many in the class and results under each judge
- MQHA Membership Forms with payment
- \$1.00 per horse per day fee, with proof of the number of entries (back number list or roster) for each S/SE.

H. Following the completion of the circuit:

Any change(s) to the results received from AQHA must be forwarded to the MQHA Point Secretary at the MQHA office immediately upon receipt.

37. Lead-Line Horsemanship:

- A. The maximum entry fee for these classes will be \$1.00.
- B. Participants in lead line must be eight (8) years of age or younger as of January 1.
- C. Participants must hold a current MQHYA membership in their name to qualify for year-end awards.
- D. Participants are not required to own the horse that they exhibit.
- E. All participants will be judged on horsemanship.
 1. Participants in Lead Line will be assisted by a handler that must be 18 years of age or older. These exhibitors can be placed at the discretion of the show management.
 2. Participants in Intermediate Lead Line will not be assisted by a handler but must have a sidewalker at least 18 years old. They may be asked to perform a walk only pattern. The exhibitors will be judged and placed.

3. Lead Line & Intermediate Lead Line can be held as concurrent or separate classes at the discretion of show management.

- F. Proper attire is mandatory - either English or Western.
- G. Participants in Lead Line will not be eligible for any approved AQHA class.
- H. All participants in the Lead Line/Intermediate Leadline who compete at least three times will receive a like year end award with no designation of year end standing. Only one year-end award will be given to each participant.

38. Small Fry Division:

- A. Participants in Small Fry must be twelve (12) years of age or younger as of January 1.
- B. Gaits in all classes in the Small Fry Division are limited to walk and trot. Classes that can be offered are: halter, showmanship, horsemanship, western pleasure, trail, hunter under saddle and hunt seat equitation.
- C. Participants must hold a current MQHYA membership in their name to qualify for year-end awards.
- D. Participants are not required to own the horse that they exhibit. Horses or ponies of any breed may be shown. No stallions are permitted.
- E. Proper attire is mandatory - either English or Western. For safety purposes, all equipment must fit exhibitor properly.
- F. Participants in Small Fry riding classes will not be eligible for any lope/canter classes during a circuit.
- G. All participants in the Small Fry who compete at least three times will be ranked for year end awards.
- H. Small Fry performance classes will work both ways in the ring.
- I. Small Fry Eligibility. If a Small Fry exhibitor earns one of the following at a recognized breed show, they will not be eligible to participate in any MQHA Small Fry classes, with the exception of Halter & Showmanship:
 - 1. Earning at least ½ breed point in a three gaited class

2. Winning a Circuit Championship at any recognized breed show in a three gaited class

3. Winning a High Point Champion in a three gaited division at any recognized breed show.

39. Order of Go:

A. In all performance classes where each entry performs individually, the order of competition shall be determined by show management drawing lots. Shows with multiple judges and arenas may make trail, western riding and working hunter classes available to exhibitors in a random order and position.

B. Late entries to pattern events can be added in any order to the list at the show's discretion.

C. The announcer will announce the *final* order of go. i.e. if the original order was #100, #200, #300 and #45 is added late and put between #200 and #300, you should announce the new order of go as being #100, #200, #45, #300.

40. S/SE Grounds, Facilities, Office

A. The entry office must be open a minimum of one hour prior to the start of the show and remain open throughout the duration of the show.

B. Unless restricted by individual fairgrounds rules, a S/SE representative must be on the grounds to assist with stalling by 10:00 a.m. on the move-in-day of the S/SE.

C. All S/SE grounds are subject to inspection by a member of the show approval committee.

D. The arena gates should be manned throughout the S/SE. It is recommended that an in and an out gate be used.

E. The arena must be ready for the exhibitors to use the evening prior to the event.

F. The arena should be serviceably sound, safely constructed and clear of dangerous and distracting objects.

G. Exhibitors must be allowed time to work in the show arena during the lunch break.

H. It is recommended that classes be split when ring size cannot accommodate visibility of the entrants properly.

I. Each show must allow a minimum of a half hour lunch break.

J. The public address system should be large enough to facilitate exhibitors hearing in the barns and parking areas.

K. Watering of arena is recommended.

L. A food wagon and horse bedding must be available on the grounds.

41. S/SE Personnel: Shall include a ring steward, manager, secretary, and announcer. The duties of each member of the S/SE personnel will be concurrent with those duties outlined for their job as stated in the current AQHA official rulebook.

42. Trophies, ribbons, premiums & paybacks:

A. MQHA will require that a trophy/award equal to or greater than in value to the entry fee be awarded to the first place exhibitor in each class.

B. Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons must be awarded in all divisions for mares, geldings and stallions.

C. For AQHA approved amateur, youth, novice amateur and novice youth classes, AQHA approved shows are required to present ribbons or awards through sixth place.

43. Objectives and Jurisdiction of Show Approval Committee:

A. The objective of the show approval committee is to aid and guide MQHA S/SEs and exhibitors in necessary rules and regulations to maintain and improve the quality of the show circuit.

B. The Point Secretary is automatically a member of this committee.

C. The Show Approval Committee has the authority to grant approval, disapproval or place on probation S/SEs and/or exhibitors according to the standards established by MQHA. The Board of Directors of MQHA, in granting this authority reserves the right of final disposition in any matter.

D. Hardship Clause: Because in any given situation there might arise extenuating circumstances, the Show Approval Committee reserves the right to grant a full

approval of a S/SE even if all terms and conditions have not been met providing approval does not conflict with the purposes, policies, and intent of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association.

E. The MQHA Show Approval Committee has adopted and asks all exhibitors to follow a Code of Ethics which reads as follows: “All exhibitors will enter the arena unassisted. Exhibitors should have horses ready to show before arriving at the arena entrance. This notice is issued with the desire that compliance is voluntary and no further Board action is required.”

F. MQHA’s disclaimer of responsibility for safety of S/SE participants:

1. S/SE management is responsible for the condition of the premises, including arena and exercise areas; the conduct and competence of S/SE employees and other representatives; implementation of S/SE activities and events and all other aspects of the S/SE.

2. MQHA does not assume or accept duty or responsibility for safety at the S/SE in regard to participants or any other third parties or for the horses or other property thereof.

3. As an express condition of the privilege to participate at an MQHA approved show or special event each Michigan Quarter Horse owner, exhibitor, trainer and participant assumes the risks of participation and releases and discharges MQHA, its officers, directors, representatives and employees from any and all liability, whenever or however arising as to personal injury or property damage occurring as a result of participation in an event conducted by the S/SE or on the S/SE grounds thereof.

44. Restricted Special Events

The MQHA Show Approval Committee has the right to approve “restricted special events”. These restricted special events would be dual approved cattle, speed or reining events. Any group applying for restricted special event approval would be subject to the following requirements:

1. Management must complete a restricted special event application at least 90 days prior to the event.

2. Show management must return a copy of the showbill or premium book which would include the names of judges, at least 90 days prior to the event. Judges hired for a restricted special event may judge additional MQHA approved events.
3. A management representative is required to attend the annual MQHA Show Approval seminar or set up a special meeting with the MQHA office staff to review requirements and expectations of the proposed event at least 90 days prior.
4. A Certificate of Liability Insurance naming MQHA as an additional insured must be on file in the MQHA office no later than 30 days prior to the event. Policy must be at least \$1,000,000.
5. The MQHA Special event fee would be waived for a restricted special event, but a \$1 per horse per show fee and proof of entries would be required to be returned to MQHA within 14 days following the event.
6. Show results must be returned to the point secretary no more than 14 days following the event. If changes are made to the final results standings once they are processed by the national association, the restricted special event management is required to update the results records with the MQHA point secretary and the MQHA office.
7. If the classes are offered three or more times per year, year end awards would be made available. All membership and nomination requirements would be required per current MQHA rules.

45. Introductory Show Approval

A. AQHA defers to the state affiliates for approval of Introductory Show dates. MQHA will always consider allowing any introductory show.

B. An introductory show will be allowed provided that there is no other AQHA approved event in the lower peninsula of Michigan on the same dates requested.

C. If there is an AQHA approved event in the lower peninsula of Michigan, an introductory show will be allowed provided that:

1. The location of the show is greater than 150 miles shortest driving distance from the AQHA approved event if the event is MQHA owned.
 2. If the AQHA event is not MQHA owned, but less than 300 miles shortest driving distance, then the management of the AQHA show must grant permission for the introductory show to be held.
 3. The location of the show is less than 150 miles but offering no similar classes.
- D. No introductory show will automatically be granted MQHA approval for MQHA points. Special consideration by the MQHA Board is required if MQHA approval is requested.
- E. Application will be considered by date received in the MQHA office. Requests for approval of introductory shows must be submitted annually.

SECTION 4 - MQHA YEAR-END AWARDS

ITEM A - REGULATION: ALL AGES DIVISION

46. Eligibility:

A. Year end standings: there shall be one final set of year-end standings for MQHA year-end points and MQHA year-end awards. This set of standings will be published in the MQHA Journal and posted on the MQHA website as the MQHA honor roll and shall be referred to in the following text as the year-end standings.

B. To be eligible for accumulation of MQHA points towards year-end awards the person, farm or corporation (name that appears on the AQHA registration papers) must be a member of MQHA.

EXAMPLES: * Horse registered to John & Jane Doe; membership held in name of John Doe - NOT ELIGIBLE - must be registered in both names.

* Horse registered to ABC Farm; membership held in name of John Doe - NOT ELIGIBLE - must be in farm name.

* Horse registered in name of John Doe; membership held in ABC Farm name - NOT ELIGIBLE - must have individual membership.

* Horse registered in the name of John &/or Jane Doe; membership held in name of Jane Doe - ELIGIBLE - membership may also be in the name of John Doe and still be eligible.

* Horse registered in name of John & Jane Doe - membership held in name of Susie Doe (daughter), membership held in MQHYA - points are only accumulated in Youth Activities.

* Horse registered in name of Susie Doe - membership held in MQHYA - ELIGIBLE in both open and youth points.

C. Points will be accumulated from the time MQHA dues are paid.

D. The MQHA point year will begin January 1st and end November 30th.

1. Points will be kept on a cumulative basis. Classes offered less than three (3) times do not qualify for the year-end standings and awards will not be given. Horses earning fewer than 5 points on the year end standings are eligible for honorable mentions only. No award will be given.

2. Once the final year-end point standings have been calculated, the following rules will apply:

a. If there is a tie for Grand, two Grand awards will be given. The next placing would be 3rd. No Reserve award will be given. If there is a tie for Reserve, two Reserve awards will be given. The next placing would be 4th.

b. If a class is split between Junior and Senior horses at some shows and offered as a combined class at other shows, the way the class is offered the majority of the time will prevail for the Year End Award.

3. Any changes to be made to the point standings must be made to the point secretary within 7 days of final posting/notification of final standings. After that date no changes will be made.

a. Points are awarded as follows:

1. For total accumulation MQHA Point System:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>
FIRST	Equals number of horses in class (not to exceed 9)
SECOND	Equals number of horses in class less 1 (not to exceed 8)
THIRD	Equals number of horses in class less 2 (not to exceed 7)
FOURTH	Equals number of horses in class less 3

	(not to exceed 6)
FIFTH	Equals number of horses in class less 4 (not to exceed 5)
SIXTH	Equals number of horses in class less 5 (not to exceed 4)
SEVENTH	Equals number of horses in class less 6 (not to exceed 3)
EIGHTH	Equals number of horses in class less 7 (not to exceed 2)
NINTH	Equals number of horses in class less 8 (not to exceed 1)

2. The halter classes shall be awarded points as above with the following exceptions: The Grand Champion animal in each sex division shall be awarded an additional two points and the Reserve Champion animal in each sex division shall be awarded an additional one point more than the largest class in the sex division.

ITEM B - REGULATION: OPEN DIVISION

47. Points are transferable during the calendar year if earned in accordance with rules in Section 4. Credit will be given to a horse for points earned during the time the present and/or previous owner(s) was a member of MQHA.

48. The MQHA Awards Committee may recommend and the MQHA Board of Directors may approve special consideration categories not presently listed.

ITEM C- ALL-AROUND AWARDS REGULATION

A. The following awards will be calculated and granted on the basis of total points earned. Once an exhibitor has met an All-Around requirement, points earned in any additional classes will be counted toward that particular All-Around.

*Champion and Reserve Champion All Around Horse

*Champion and Reserve Champion All Around Youth
13 and Under

*Champion and Reserve Champion All Around Youth
14 – 18

*Champion and Reserve Champion All-Around
Novice Youth 13 & Under

- *Champion and Reserve Champion All-Around Novice Youth 14 - 18
- *Champion and Reserve Champion All-Around Amateur
- *Champion and Reserve Champion All-Around Amateur Select
- *Champion and Reserve Champion All-Around Novice Amateur
- *Champion and Reserve Champion All-Around Small Fry

49. Champion All-Around Horse: To qualify for this award a horse must place in the MQHA year-end standings in its respective halter class. A horse must be in the MQHA year-end standings in two or more different performance classes. Green classes do not count towards the Open All Around Horse.

50. A. Champion All-Around Youth 13 & under: To qualify for this award a youth must place in the MQHA year-end standings with one horse in three (3) or more AQHA/MQHA approved youth performance classes. Once an exhibitor has met the All Around requirements, points earned in any additional youth activity classes, (including youth halter classes) will be counted toward the All-Around Award.

B. Champion All-Around Youth 14 -18: To qualify for this award a youth must place in the MQHA year-end standings with one horse in three (3) or more AQHA/MQHA approved youth performance classes. Once an exhibitor has met the All Around requirements, points earned in any additional youth activity classes, (including youth halter classes) will be counted toward the All-Around Award.

C. Champion All-Around Novice Youth 13 & Under: To qualify for this award a youth must place in the MQHA year-end standings with one horse in three (3) or more AQHA/MQHA approved novice youth performance classes.

D. Champion All-Around Novice Youth 14 -18: To qualify for this award a youth must place in the MQHA

year-end standings with one horse in three (3) or more AQHA/MQHA approved novice youth performance classes.

E. Champion All-Around Small Fry: To qualify for this award a small fry exhibitor must place in the MQHA year-end standings with the same horse in three (3) or more MQHA approved small fry classes.

51. A. Champion All-Around Amateur: To qualify for this award an amateur must place in the MQHA year-end standings with one horse in three (3) or more AQHA/MQHA approved amateur classes. Amateur points are compiled on a one horse - one amateur basis. A contestant may exhibit more than one horse; however, the points earned by the amateur with each horse will be compiled separately.

B. Champion All-Around Novice Amateur: To qualify for this award a novice amateur must place in the MQHA year-end standings with one horse in three (3) or more AQHA/MQHA approved novice amateur classes. Novice Amateur points are compiled on a one horse - one novice amateur basis. A contestant may exhibit more than one horse; however, the points earned by the novice amateur with each horse will be compiled separately.

C. Champion All-Around Amateur Select: To qualify for this award a select amateur must place in the MQHA year-end standings with one horse in three (3) or more AQHA/MQHA approved select amateur classes. Amateur select points are compiled on a one horse – one select amateur basis. A contestant may exhibit more than one horse; however, the points earned by the amateur with each horse will be compiled separately.

ITEM D - SPORTSMANSHIP & MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

52. Sportsmanship:

- A. Annually, one youth and one adult winner will be chosen.
- B. Space will be provided on the election ballot allowing membership to vote for Sportsperson of the year.
- C. Desirable qualifications: Sense of fairness, consistently courteous, continually displays self

discipline, cheerful, considerate of others and accepts responsibilities while carrying out objectives of MQHA.

D. To qualify, you must be a member of MQHA/MQHYA, own and/or exhibit Quarter Horses.

53. Member of the Year Award: The recipient of this award is to be chosen annually by the MQHA Board of Directors on the basis of any member who has given consistently of their time and/or expertise in the fulfillment and furthering of the goals and objectives of MQHA.

ITEM E - REGULATION: YOUTH ACTIVITIES DIVISION

54. Eligibility: Only MQHYA members earning points in Youth Activities classes and /or events at approved MQHA shows are eligible for consideration.

55. Points for Youth and Novice Youth Activities halter and performance events are awarded to the youth and the horse - as a team. Should the team dissolve for any reason during the calendar year, the points earned to date are NOT transferable, but stand as the record for that team. Should either or both members of the team acquire a new partner, they will start off as a new team (s) and acquire points starting at zero (0).

56. Year-end awards for Youth and Novice Youth Performance events, including Showmanship at Halter, shall be awarded in each of the following specific youth age brackets: 13 years and under, 14 years through 18 years. Youth and Novice Youth class points shall be awarded to the placing individuals in their specific youth age bracket regardless of the show's general youth bracket nomenclature.

57. MQHA points earned on school days will count toward year-end awards, but **will not count** toward Congress or Youth World team points. MQHYA Board of Directors will submit in writing a list of approved shows, special events or introductory shows that will count toward team points. This should be given to the point secretary and/or the MQHA office at the conclusion of the annual MQHA Convention or as soon as possible after that.

DEFINITIONS

- A. Youth: an MQHA/MQHYA member who is 18 years or younger as of January 1st.
- B. Youth Age Brackets: age segments of the youth designation
 - 1. General
 - a. 18 years & under
 - b. 13 years & under, 14 years to 18 years
- C. Youth Performance Event: the generic individual youth contest. Example: Western Pleasure.
- D. Qualified: the youth performance event must be offered affording any youth the opportunity to participate; however, approved shows - regardless of the General of Specific age bracket nomenclature used.
- E. Youth Class: a youth performance event that encompasses any one or combination of the General youth age brackets.

ITEM F - ANNUAL AWARDS

58. Appropriate awards shall be granted annually in each MQHA approved class and/or event that meets the appropriate year-end awards rules and regulation requirements. Awards will be chosen by the MQHA Awards Committee and alterations will not be accepted.

A. *Additional Halter Awards shall include:*

- High Point Halter Stallion
- High Point Halter Mare
- High Point Halter Gelding

B. *Additional Performance Awards shall include:*

- Champion All-Around Horse
- Reserve Champion All-Around Horse

C. *Additional Youth Activity Awards shall include:*

- Champion All-Around Youth – 13 & under
- Reserve Champion All-Around Youth –13 &

under

- Champion All-Around Youth - 14 to 18
- Reserve Champion All-Around Youth - 14 to 18
- Champion All-Around Novice Youth 13 & under

Reserve Champion All-Around Novice Youth 13 & under

- Champion All-Around Novice Youth 14 -18
- Reserve Champion All-Around Novice Youth 14 -18

D. *Additional Amateur Awards shall include:*

- Champion All-Around Amateur

Reserve Champion All-Around Amateur
High Point Amateur Halter Stallion
High Point Amateur Halter Mare
High Point Amateur Halter Gelding
Champion All-Around Novice Amateur
Reserve Champion All-Around Novice Amateur
Champion All-Around Select Amateur
Reserve Champion All-Around Select Amateur

ITEM G - BEST CIRCUIT OF SEASON

- A. A "Best Circuit of the Season: Award will be given annually.
- B. Space will be provided on the election ballot allowing membership to vote for the "Best Circuit of the Season."

ITEM H - REGULATION: AMATEUR DIVISION

59. Eligibility:

A. Must hold an Amateur card issued by AQHA and be a member of MQHA.

B. Points for Amateur events are awarded to the amateur and horse - as a team. Should the team dissolve for any reason during the calendar year, the points earned to date are NOT transferable, but stand as the record for that team. Should either of both members of the team acquire a new partner, they will start off as a new team (s) and acquire points starting at zero (0).

ITEM I – MQHA SMALL FRY DIVISION

Eligibility: Only MQHYA members 12 years of age or younger earning points in Small Fry classes at approved MQHA shows are eligible for consideration.

60. Points for Small Fry Classes are awarded to the exhibitor / horse team.

ITEM J - MQHA HALL OF FAME

61. A. Purpose: This is an opportunity to recognize and award those individuals who have been instrumental in promoting and participating in the MQHA for many years. It will also be used to recognize and award those horses who have made an impact on the Quarter Horse breed, as a breeding horse or show quality individual.

B. Qualifications: The nominees may be living or dead, but must have been permanent residents of

Michigan for at least FIVE years. Horses nominated must have been bred in Michigan or owned by a Michigan resident for at least FIVE years. Horses nominated must not be showing, standing at stud or taking remuneration of any kind.

SECTION 5 - MQHA QUEEN RULES & REGULATIONS

62. The purpose of the MQHA Queen Contest is to select a special lady to represent the Michigan Quarter Horse Association, one who will positively promote Michigan as a great place to visit and show horses and who will be a positive roll model for all young women

63. Candidates will:

- A. Be between the ages of 18 and 25 as of January 1st of the current year.
- B. Be single, never divorced, annulled or a single parent.
- C. Not have competed or represented this or any other Quarter Horse Association previously three times.
- D. Be a member in good standing with AQHA and MQHA, and also be a Michigan resident.
- E. Be judged in three categories: Written test, Oral interview and Horsemanship.
- F. Ride in the horsemanship competition any AQHA registered horse.
- G. Complete application and have it with the \$25.00 fee and photo received at the MQHA office no later than June 15 of the current year.

64. Queen will:

- A. Represent Michigan at:
 1. All American Quarter Horse Congress
 2. MQHA Breeders' Futurity
 3. MQHA Convention
 4. Harbor Classic Horse Show
 5. Five additional MQHA sponsored shows of the committee choosing
- B. Automatically be on the following years' Queen's Committee.

65. The MQHA Queen may be a member of the Congress Youth Team.

SECTION 6 - MQHA YOUTH WORLD & CONGRESS TEAMS

YOUTH WORLD & CONGRESS TEAM

GENERAL RULES

66. A. The purpose of the Youth Team is to provide an opportunity for Michigan youth to participate at the American Quarter Horse Youth Finals and the all American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio. These shows do not presently have age divisions (13 & under and 14 & over).

B. At the AQHYA Finals, every type of AQHA approved Youth class is offered. Also Halter classes are divided into yearlings, two year olds, three year olds, and aged for mares and geldings. MQHYA is able to send **six** youths for each class plus those youth who are nationally invited. In the event that **six** youth (with letters of intent in the office) are not available for an offered class, the selection committee may choose additional youth to participate on the team.

C. Congress Team Tournament classes are showmanship, horsemanship, western pleasure, hunter under saddle, reining, and barrels. The Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Association will select two youth to participate in each class.

D. MQHA points earned on school days will count toward year-end awards but **will not** count toward team points.

67. A. A youth must be a member in good standing in order to be considered as a team participant.

B. To be eligible to participate on the World Team or National Youth Association Team, a youth **MUST** complete the following:

1. The Youth will participate in a minimum of 3 MQHYA Board Meetings within the current calendar year. (Mandatory meeting will count as 3rd meeting.)
2. The Youth must be a member of MQHA and AQHA.
3. The Youth will pay all fees assessed to MQHA by AQHA or OQHA for showing

this horse (stall, tack stall, entry fees, cattle fees and any other fees for the classes the Youth will participate in).

4. The Youth must participate in 5 hours of Community Service. The Youth must also volunteer (5) hours for Michigan Quarter Horse Association or supply a pre-determined fee in fundraising, above the normal fundraising done by the Youth association, with documentation, by the deadline. If a Youth is participating on both teams, refer to the current Letter Of Intent for requirements.
5. The Youth agrees to patronize the MQHYA sponsors to the best of their ability.
6. For the World Show, the Youth will be chosen based on their point standings through the Memorial Weekend circuit. All of those shows that are not on school days will be used to tabulate the qualifying points. Six (6) youth will be chosen for each offered class.
7. For the National Youth Association Team Tournament, Youth will be chosen based on their point standings through the Harbor Classic in July. All of their point totals that are not on school days will be used to tabulate the qualifying points. Two (2) youth will be chosen for each offered class.
8. The Youth agrees to attend the required World Show meeting in June. The date and time will be announced.
9. The Youth will attend the required NYATT meeting in August. The date and time will be announced.
10. The Selection Committee and the Youth Advisor reserve the right to fill all classes with any MQHYA or AQHA member and any eligible AQHA horse if the class is not filled in the regular manner.
11. The Youth agrees to abide by all team rules supplied to them in advance of these shows.
12. The Youth will provide a photo and written biography for printing in the MQH Journal.

13. The Youth Advisor and the Selection Committee may waive any of the requirements above for any special conditions that may arise from a Youth participant.

C. To be fair to all Youth involved, if a youth is accepts a position on the team and does not show in their class without prior written approval of the team advisor, they will not be eligible for participation on that team the following year.

D. The MQHYA Board will appoint a Team Coach and Advisor for each team to go and help at the Youth World and Congress. The team Advisor should be selected from one of the current MQHYA Youth Advisors if possible.

E. All Team Members are responsible to the Team Coach and Team Advisor.

F. Team members shall at all time conduct themselves in a becoming manner. Each member's actions reflect on all MQHYA members and the State in general. Conduct unbecoming to the team in general or to the MQHA/MQHYA Associations is cause for dismissal from the Team by the Team Advisor.

G. All Youth World and Congress Youth Team rules apply from Youth World or Congress Registration through the end of the Team Tournament Awards Ceremony, at which time all responsibility for the youth is relinquished, Remember, however, you are representing the entire MQHA/MQHYA Associations and the State of Michigan. May your actions always reflect that responsibility.

H. Team stalls and aisles must be kept clean during the entire week.

I. When the team is selected, you will be competing as a team and must work together.

J. The Congress and Youth World Team colors and uniforms shall be chosen annually by the MY Board.

K. A Letter of Intent, Personal Resume and School Photo is mandatory for both teams, postmarked on or before May 15th or faxed by May 15th for the Youth World Team and postmarked on or before June 15th or faxed by June 15th for the NYATT Team to the MQHA Office. Any item missing from above constitutes an

incomplete application and ineligibility to participate on either team.

L. The MQ Youth Team selection committee will select youths to participate in each class for the Youth World and Congress youth teams. Alternates, if needed, will be selected by the selection committee from the youth team on the same point system.

M. The points accumulated by one horse and rider per event for all MQHYA approved shows prior to the announced cut-off date will be tabulated.

N. Points tabulated for Youth Team and class selection will be based on the MQHA point system.

O. Hardship cases will be determined by the Selection Committee based on individual circumstances.

P. A tie shall be decided by totaling the number of firsts received by each tied member, and then seconds, etc. through sixth until the tie is broken.

Q. A Youth team member and family will be designated to be in charge of stall decorations and making arrangements for the transportation of them to the AQHYA World show and Congress.

R. Each Team member should contribute to the fund raising activities that support the team.

S. Selection Committee shall consist of MQHYA Advisors, MQHA Youth Director, and two (2) Youth Directors.

SECTION 7 - MQHA DRUG TESTING AND THERAPEUTIC MEDICATION RULES

68. In the interest of fairness to all exhibitors and to ensure the health and well-being of the American Quarter Horse used in competition, this Association has a policy of having AQHA administer all drug testing. The Therapeutic Medication and Drug Test Policy as established by the American Quarter Horse Association, supported by the Board of Directors of this Association is overseen by the Drug Test Committee, through the MQHA Office and designated veterinarian. This policy will adhere to the Therapeutic Medication/Drug Testing Section of the current AQHA Rulebook.

69. If AQHA determines the test results are positive, then AQHA will contact owner, exhibitor and MQHA. If the

Board of Directors then deems to take action regarding MQHA status, points, or other options, then owner and exhibitor of such horse will be notified via certified mail.

STALLION SERVICE SALE PAYBACK PERCENTAGES For Yearling, 2 Year Old and 3 Year Old Classes

NUMBER OF PAID ENTRIES

	1	2-5	6-8	10-13	14-18	19-24	15-28	18-32	33-38	37-40	41-44	45-48	49-52	53-60	61 & up
# OF PLACES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	100	60	45	40	34	32	28	26	26	25	25	25	23	23	23
		40	35	30	27	22	22	22	19	18	17	16	16	15	14
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