



ILLINOIS QUARTER HORSE  
YOUTH ASSOCIATION

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January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013

Attn: ILQHYA Youth and Parents

**Re: 2013 By-Law Changes and Adjusted World Show and Congress Qualifying Rules**

Dear youth and parents-

We are very excited to get the 2013 year underway. At the banquet earlier this year the Youth made a few important changes to the by-laws and qualifying rules that we wanted to bring to your attention.

- **Meeting Notices:** We will now give a minimum of five days for meeting notices, not fifteen. This will help during our busy show season to call meetings as needed. The official meeting notice will occur on the official ILQHA website ([www.ilqha.com](http://www.ilqha.com)), but we will also send notices via email and on the ILQHYA Youth Facebook page.
- **Youth World Qualifying:** As the Youth show was moved from May to March, we have adjusted the wording of the Youth Qualifying period to January 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>. Only ILQHA approved shows will count towards qualifying.
- **Congress NYATT Qualifying:** Similarly, Congress qualifying will begin March 1<sup>st</sup> and end July 31<sup>st</sup>. We moved the date up to accommodate the earlier youth show and a possibility there will be no July Gordyville due to a conflict with the AQHA Region 3 Championship Show.
- **Sponsorships:** A clarification was made that the 6 required sponsorships are \$25.00 a piece. It is also required that all nationally and state qualified horse/rider combinations must submit the six sponsorships. Sponsorships go with the horse, not with the rider so if a youth is qualifying with more than one horse they must submit a minimum of six sponsorships per horse.

**Also, we have a proposed change we would like your input on.** The possibility of only counting Saturday and Sunday shows for state qualifying was discussed at the banquet because of the number of weekday shows in the Spring. Due to great disparity in school attendance policies it is difficult for many youth to attend the weekday shows. This rule would allow Friday night points to count if that show was part of the Saturday/Sunday judges (i.e. when trail or western riding begins on a Friday afternoon/evening to alleviate the class load on the weekend).

**WE WILL BE HOLDING A CONFERENCE MEETING ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 PM.  
CONFERENCE CALL INSTRUCTIONS: 605.475.4350 CALL-IN NUMBER 9021011#**

We hope many of you can join us on this call to discuss this issue. We will take a vote on Sunday and that decision will be the policy used for 2013. This will be the only issue we will vote on at this meeting. If you cannot join us but wish to give us some feedback please feel free to email or phone one of us.

Thank you,

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