

ILLINOIS QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION BY LAWS

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ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. Name: This organization shall be named the Illinois Quarter Horse Youth Association, in affiliation with the American Quarter Horse Youth Association and within the scope of the rules, by laws, and regulations of the American Quarter Horse Association. The parent organization shall be the Illinois Quarter Horse Association.

Section 2. Purpose: The objectives and purposes of the Illinois Quarter Horse Youth Association HEREFTER referred to as the ILQHYA: shall be as follows:

- a.) To improve and promote the American Quarter Horse.
- b.) To improve and develop the capabilities of youth, both individually and through group participation, in the breeding, raising, and exhibition of Quarter Horses.
- c.) To develop and improve scholarship, leadership, and community interest and participation of youth.
- d.) To encourage sportsmanship, cooperation, and high moral character of young horseman.
- e.) To acquaint youth members with the parent organization, the Illinois Quarter Horse Association, its structure and function.

ARTICLE II MEMBERS

Section 1. Classes of Members: The organization shall be open to any persons eligible to be a member of the AQHYA.

a.) Resident Members: Membership shall be open to any youth residing in the State of Illinois and only resident members shall be elected to Officers.

b.) Non-Resident Members: Membership shall be open to any youth residing outside the State of Illinois. Non-Residents Members shall be eligible to represent Illinois on the World and or NYATT Team provided they meet the requirements outlined in Article VII.

Section 2. Application for Membership: All applications for membership shall be filed with ILQHA on a membership form.

Section 3. Voting Rights: Each member shall be entitled to one vote per matter submitted to a vote of the membership. No Member shall be permitted to vote by proxy.

Section 4. Termination of Membership: Termination or suspension of a member by the AQHA, AQHYA, or the ILQHA will constitute an automatic termination or suspension from the ILQHYA.

Section 5. Resignation: Any officer or board member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary, but such action shall not relieve the member of any obligation to pay dues, assessments, or other charges unpaid.

Section 6. Transfer of Membership: Membership in this organization is not transferable.

ARTICLE III MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meeting: An annual meeting of the membership of the ILQHYA shall be held in conjunction with the ILQHA annual meeting. Notification of date, times, and places, etc. shall be sent to

the General Membership in accordance with Section 5. The purpose of this General Membership Meeting shall be to conduct any business of the organization. Election of the Adult Advisor(s) will be confirmed at this meeting. The number of Adult Advisors will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Regional Meetings: Each of the three (3) regions is to conduct a minimum of one (1) meeting for that Region's membership during the calendar year. These Regional meetings are to be called by the Regional Directors and the Adult Advisor(s).

Section 3. Special Meetings: There may be other meetings called during the course of the year. The Adult Advisor(s), along with the Presidents, may call the meeting.

Section 4. Place of Meeting: The Board of Directors may designate any place either within or out of the State of Illinois, as the place of meetings called by the Adult Advisor(s) and the President.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings: Printed notice stating the place, date, and time of the meetings may be delivered by mail, e-mail and website notification, to notify each member entitled to vote at such meetings, not less than fifteen (15) days before the date of such meeting. The purpose of such meeting should be stated in the notice. If mailed, the notice of such meeting shall be deemed delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his/her address as it appears on the records of ILQHYA with the postage thereon prepaid.

Section 6. Quorum: A majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting if a quorum is not present. Not less than five (5) members shall constitute a quorum at any membership meeting.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. General Powers: The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the organization.

Section 2. Number, Tenure, and Qualifications: The Board of Directors shall be made up of the following persons, all of whom must be members of the and residents of the State of Illinois; the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and six (6) Regional Directors. The term on the Board will start with the Board Meeting following the Annual Meeting.

3. Regular Meetings: A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately after and at the same locations as the annual meeting. The Board of Directors may provide the time and place, either within or out of the State of Illinois, for holding of additional regular meetings of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall meet as often as they determine business warrants.

4. Special Meetings: Special Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called or at the request of the Adult Advisor(s), and the President.

5. Notice: Any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least fifteen (15) days prior notice. Notice may be sent by mail, e-mail and /or website notification.

6. Quorum: Not less than 5 members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board.

7. Vacancies: A vacancy in any office or directorship of the ILQHYA shall be deemed to exist whenever the person holding that office fails to attend two (2) consecutive regular Board of Directors meetings. The President along with the Adult Advisor shall fill any such vacancy.

8. Any meeting described in this section may be conducted by wire, video, telephone or other electronic transmission.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers: The officers of the ILQHYA shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Reporter. Officers shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are elected. The Board may create and fill other offices that it shall deem desirable with such offices to have the authority and responsibility designated by the Board. In no event shall these offices carry voting privileges and/or membership status on the Board of Directors. No person may hold more than one office at the same time.

2. Election and Term: The Board of Directors shall meet during the fall each year and nominate a slate of Officers and Adult Advisors to be elected.; the ILQHA office shall mail/e-mail to each member an appropriate ballot. Only members in good standing may vote in the election of the ensuing year's Officers and Directors. Each member is entitled to one vote, but is only able to vote for Regional Directors from his/her region. The nominee receiving the most votes for each office or directorship shall become that officer. In the event of a tie, the Officers of the Board of the ILQHYA shall be responsible for breaking the said tie through a 3/5 vote. The results of the election shall be announced at the annual meeting, with the new Officers being notified. The installation of the Adult Advisor(s) will take place along with the officers at the Annual Membership Meeting.

3. Removal of Officers: The Board of Directors may remove any Officer appointed by the Board of Directors.

4. Removal of Adult Advisors: The Board of Directors may remove the Adult Advisor(s).

5. Vacancies: A vacancy in any office because of resignation, removal, disqualification, death, or otherwise may be filled by the President and Adult Advisor(s) for the remaining portion of the term.

6. President: The President shall be the principal officer of the ILQHYA and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the ILQHYA. He/She shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. He/She in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of President.

7. Vice-President: In the absence of the President or in the inability of his/her presence or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President. When so acting the Vice-President shall have all power and be subject to all the same restrictions upon the President. The Vice-President shall be the official Chairman of the working committees. The Vice-President should also carry out other duties that shall from time to time be assigned by the President of the Board of Directors.

8. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members, and of the Board of Directors in books provided for the purpose and see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the by-laws.

9. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for recording all funds and duties as the Board directs or he/she sees fit with the consent of the Adult Advisor. A current Treasurer's report should be available for each meeting of the Board.

10. Reporter: The Reporter shall have responsibility of reporting on the activities of the association and of individual members of ILQHYA to the Reporter of the AQHYA, and the ILQHA website. The Reporter shall serve as, historian for the ILQHYA adding to the scrapbook for presentation at the AQHYA World Show and whatever other duties the Board of Directors shall designate.

11. Regional Directors: The State of Illinois shall be divided into three (3) regions by action of the Board of Directors and two (2) Directors shall serve each Region. This Director shall be in charge of recruiting additional members from the Region and represent that Region on the Board of Directors.

12. State Adult Advisors: The Adult Advisor(s) shall supervise the activities and programs for the ILQHYA. The State Adult Advisor(s) shall be elected yearly. The Adult Advisors of the Board of Directors shall appoint additional adults, where desired to specific projects. If the Adult Advisor is traveling to either the Youth World or Quarter Horse Congress, and their sole purpose is for the Illinois Youth Association, she/he will be reimbursed for their expenses up to \$500.00. Receipts must be submitted.

13. Delegates: The Delegates for the AQHYA Convention/Leadership Conference will be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and the Treasurer. The Reporter will be the alternate.

14. AQHYA Y.E.S.: If funds are available, the ILQHYA shall reimburse its members up to \$100 dollars for the expenses incurred in transit to the AQHYA. Y.E.S. Seminar.

ARTICLE VI POINT SYSTEM, AWARDS, METHOD OF TEAM SELECTION

Section 1. General Rules: The Officers and Directors shall present to the membership at each annual meeting the point system and award classification system for the current year.

ILQHYA REQUIREMENTS AND METHOD OF TEAM SELECTION FOR THE YOUTH WORLD TEAM AND NYATT TEAM

1. Membership: Must be a current, paid member of ILQHYA. Points will start counting from the date of membership received.
2. Nominations: Horse must be nominated with ILQHA before points will count.
3. Sponsorships: Team members must sell at least six (6) Illinois Quarter Horse Youth Association AQHA Show Sponsorships per team (World and/or Congress, 6 for each team), per horse. Sponsorships are to be sent to the Adult Advisor. Sponsorships must be postmarked on or before May 1st or on the subsequent business day or through E-Mail. Working Horse participants need to have their sponsorships in before the first (1st) qualifying show for the Youth World.
4. Letter of Intent: Youth must submit Letter of Intent to Adult_Advisor due no later than March 1.
5. Each youth must work at least two (2) qualifying hours before the close of the Illinois Quarter Horse Youth Association AQHA Shows in order to be considered for a team.
6. State Qualifying for the AQHYA Youth World Show Team: January 1st through May 31.
7. Dates for State Qualifying for the NYATT Team: From January 1st through July 31st.
8. Entries per class will be the state leaders in that event for the AQHYA World Show Team and NYATT Team. The categories where the ILQHYA has two age groups, the two age groups will be combined, and the individuals with the most points will be considered the state leaders, regardless of age.
9. At the AQHYA Youth World Show each team member may show in a maximum of two (2) performance classes unless asked to fill an open spot. Showmanship is considered a performance class.
10. ILQHYA will send four (4) entries per class to the Youth World Show. All four (4) entries will be the first four (4) state leaders in that division. If one of these four state leaders for any reason cannot represent ILQHYA in this particular event then the next highest point earner, down to sixth (6) place will be eligible to go in that event. If no member is eligible or does not want to participate then a member who is qualified may go in more than two (2)

For the NYATT Team, ILQHYA will send fourteen (14) individual representatives to participate in seven (7) youth events. The participants will be decided by state leaders of the specific events. If one of these state leaders for any reason cannot represent ILQHYA then the next highest point earner, down to sixth (6) place, will be eligible to go in the event. If no member who is eligible or does not want to participate, then a member who is qualified may go in more than one (1) event, but not more than two (2) events.

The state leaders will be determined in cases of ties by using the following tiebreakers:

A.) the most entries beat B.) the most wins. C.) the most AQHYA points earned, and D.) The most seconds (2nds) won.

If there are no state leaders, then the representative will be chosen by the Adult Advisor.

SUMMARY FOR TEAMS: ILQHYA will provide the stall rental and one entry fee for the team members that participate in all of the following: they are required to stall together, assist with putting up and/or taking down the stall decorations, march in the parade of state, have six (6) sponsorships per horse per show turned in to the Adult Advisor by May 1, and work the two (2) qualifying hours at Illinois Quarter Horse Youth Association AQHA Shows.

If a team member should fail to comply with the above stated rules, the ILQHYA will not reimburse said team members for fees and expenses involved in their team participation.

POINT SYSTEM

State points will be awarded through nine (9) places in each class. The 1st place horse in a class of 9 will receive 9 state points, 2nd 8 state points and so on down to 1 state point for 9th place. In a class with less than 9 horses you will receive points for however many in the class. Example: in a class with 5 horses, 1 place would receive 5 points and so on.

1st place = 9 points
2nd place = 8 points
3rd place = 7 points
4th place = 6 points
5th place = 5 points
6th place = 4 points
7th place = 3 points
8th place = 2 points
9th place = 1 point

This point system is used for qualifying all youth teams and year-end awards.

YEAR END AWARDS

Year end points will start on January 1 of each year through the end of December. The Board of Directors shall announce each January to the membership the classifications for Year-end Awards. Year-end awards shall be presented to the high point horses or youth in each classification as well as the top all around and reserve for the 13 and under division, 14-18 division and novice division for the year.

KEN FREEMAN AWARD

Each year the membership shall present the Ken Freeman award to the adult who they feel has contributed the most during the current year to the ILQHYA and/or to its members. This award shall be non-retiring and revolving so that the recipient shall possess it for the ensuing year. There shall be an award to the recipient to keep permanently. It will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet.

AQHYA/ILQHYA SCHOLARSHIPS

The American Quarter Horse Association and the Illinois Quarter Horse Association has made available scholarships to the AQHYA/ILQHYA members who are enrolled in or are planning to enroll in college, university or trade school. Member must be a full time student during the semester for which the scholarship is granted. Applications can be obtained from the AQHYA or the ILQHYA State Advisors.

ARTICLE VII BOOKS AND RECORDS

Section 1. Books and Records: The association shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of proceedings of its members, Board of Directors, and Committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors, and shall keep at the principle office a record giving the names and addresses/e-mail addresses of the members entitled to vote. All books and records shall be available to any member or his agent to inspect for any proper purpose at reasonable time.

ARTICLE VIII FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of ILQHYA shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December in each year.

ARTICLE IX DUES

Section 1. Annual and Life Dues: The Board of Directors may determine from time to time the amount of payable ILQHYA to the association by the members. The Treasurer of the ILQHYA shall record dues.

Section 2. Payment of Dues: Dues of a new member must be paid in full.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS OF BY LAWS

Section 1. Amendments: These by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new by-laws may be adopted by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting, provided that at least fifteen (15) days written notice is given of intention to alter, amend, or repeal or to adopt new bylaws at such meeting.

ARTICLE XI REGIONS

Section 1. Regions: The state shall be divided into three (3) regions of somewhat equal population as directed by the Board of Directors. Each region shall be composed of logical groups of one or more whole counties.

ARTICLE XII SPECIAL ADULT COMMITTEES

Section 1. Special Adult Committees: The President of ILQHYA shall have the power to choose a chairperson for Special Adult Committees: these committees shall have the responsibilities to advise, and/or supervise the youth in various ILQHYA functions and projects throughout the year. The ILQHYA Board of Directors shall have the power of authority over any such appointed committees.

