

# ILLINOIS QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION BY LAWS

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## ARTICLE I NAME AND MISSION STATEMENT

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. Mission Statement: The objectives and purposes of the Illinois Quarter Horse Youth Association HEREAFTER 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 MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. ~~Classes of Membership:~~ The organization shall be open to any persons, age 18 and under, ~~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.~~

There will be one class of membership and each member will have one vote. All persons, firms, partnership, ranches, farms and organizations interested in the philosophy and ideals of the ILQHYA may become members.

Section 2. Application for Membership: All applications for membership shall apply for admission as a member by completing an application for membership. ~~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 or Suspension 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. The period of suspension or termination shall not exceed the term imposed by the governing body.

~~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 5. Transfer of Membership: Membership in this organization is not transferable.

## ARTICLE III MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 1. ~~Annual General Membership Meeting:~~ Annual The general membership meeting of the ~~membership of the~~ ILQHYA shall be held in conjunction with the ILQHA ~~annual general membership 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 2. 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 3. Notice of Meetings: Printed Notice of any meeting must be given electronically not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting date, 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. The number of voting members required to constitute a quorum at any meeting shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.~~

## **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 of Directors: 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 shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are elected. ~~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 quarterly, ~~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)~~ ten (10) days prior notice. Notice may be sent electronically. ~~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.~~

6. 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.

7. Any meeting described in this section may be conducted electronically, ~~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~~

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 shall be sent electronically to each member. 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 majority vote. The results of the election shall be announced electronically 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 at the discretion of the Board when it is determined that the Officer is not fulfilling his/hers duties responsibly. ~~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~~ and perform all duties incident to the office of President.

5. 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 shall carry out other duties that shall from time to time are be assigned by the President. of the Board of Directors.~~

6. 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.~~

7. 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.

8. Reporter: The Reporter shall ~~have responsibility of reporting on the activities of the association and of individual members of ILQHYA as required. 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.~~

9. ~~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.~~

9.State Adult Advisor(s): The Adult Advisor(s) shall supervise the activities and programs for the ILQHYA. The State Adult Advisor(s) shall be ~~elected~~ appointed ~~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.

10. AQHYA YES Delegates: The Delegates for the AQHYA YES Convention/~~Leadership Conference~~ will be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and the Treasurer. The Reporter will be the alternate. ILQHYA will reimburse the attending delegates the registration fees for the convention. Three (3) grant scholarships are also available for those members wishing to attend the convention. Applications and information can be found on the ILQHA website.

11. ~~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. The ILQHA/ILQHYA point system shall be available on ILQHA website.~~

## **ARTICLE VII ~~ILQHYA REQUIREMENTS AND METHOD OF~~ TEAM SELECTION FOR THE YOUTH WORLD SHOW ~~TEAM AND CONGRESS NYATT TEAM~~**

Section 1. To be eligible, a Letter of Intent and sponsorships due dates can be found on the ILQHA website.

Section 2. The letter of intent must be submitted for eligibility. ~~for the Youth Team.~~ Applications will be submitted on the website at [www.ilqha.com](http://www.ilqha.com). Qualifying dates and sponsorship deadlines can be found on the ILQHA website. Team member requirements:

- Be a current ILQHA member
- The owner of the horse must be a current ~~owner~~ ILQHA member
- Sponsorship support of \$200, ~~per horse,~~ for the World Show Team and NYATT Congress Team
- ~~Work 4 hours of volunteer service prior to the event, if unable to work service hours contribute \$150.~~ Community service hours

~~For the Congress NYATT Team:~~ ILQHYA will send a team from eligible participants. 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~~ a 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.

In case of ties, the state leaders will be determined ~~in cases of ties~~ by using the following tiebreakers:

- a. the most entries
- b) the most wins
- c) the most AQHA points earned
- d) The most seconds (2nds) won

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

Section 3. Entry Fees: ILQHYA will provide one entry fee for the youth world show team and Congress NYATT team providing all requirements are fulfilled.

Section 4. Point System: Point system can be found on the ILQHA website at [www.ilqha.com](http://www.ilqha.com)

## **ARTICLE VIII YEAR END AWARDS**

Year end points will start on January 1 through September 31. Year-end awards shall be presented to the high point horses or youth in each classification as well as the top all-around 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.~~

## **ARTICLE IX 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. A member must be a full time student during the semester for which the scholarship is granted. Applications can be obtained on the ILQHA website at [www.ILQHA.com](http://www.ILQHA.com).

## **ARTICLE X BOOKS AND RECORDS**

Section 1. Books and Records: ~~The association~~ ILQHYA shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of proceedings of its members and 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 XI 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 XII DUES**

Section 1. Annual and Life Dues: The Board of Directors may determine from time to time the amount of payable dues to 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 XIII AMENDMENTS OF BY LAWS**

Section 1. Amendments: The ILQHYA Board of Directors shall have the power to make, amend and repeal the by-laws of the association by vote of the majority of the directors present at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Said changes shall be effective immediately unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors. All proposed changes in the by-laws must be submitted in electronically to all members at least ten (10) days before the meeting at which said changes shall be considered. 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 IX 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 ILQHVA 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 ILQHVA functions and projects throughout the year. The ILQHVA Board of Directors shall have the power of authority over any such appointed committees









