

CRITERIA FOR TRIP SELECTION

Maritime Quarter Horse Youth Selection Process

QUALIFYING PERIOD THROUGH OUT THIS GUIDLINE IS JANUARY 1 TO (Depends on the trip or team applying for).

To be eligible for a trip or team, the YOUTH MUST:

1. Attend a minimum of 4 meetings (including all meetings held at shows, outside dates and/or different venues i.e. Banquet or Equine review).
2. Participate in 50% of the Youth Fundraising events held during the qualifying periods. (3 events if 6 are held during that qualifying period).
3. **BE A MEMBER OF MQHA AND MQHYA** and a member of AQHA in good standing by May.31 of the current year.
4. Must have exhibited in a minimum of three (3) pointed shows with the horse they intend to show on the team for which he/she was selected (for example Congress, Regional 6 or Youth Worlds). The team trip may change from year to year.

Notes:

- Number 4 is just for youth team tournaments; van trips, conferences and/or conventions will be decided on 1 thru 3.
- In case of extraordinary circumstances i.e. New horse, horse injured for one show but able to show another, death of a horse the LAST RULE may be reconsidered.

Team Selection Process:

1. Any Youth interested in being on a team and/or trip must send a LETTER OF INTENT to the Youth Director by June.30 of the current year in writing and must be signed by a parent. The youth must submit his/her list of class choice by preference.
2. Youth who are interested in being on the Maritime Team that have sent their Letter of Intent and Class choices will then be put on a point system constructed by MQHYA at the first 2 weekends (June & August) of the current year (excluding any Novice Shows). Each individual will receive certain number of points for how they place in their events of choice (all

- events will be pointed the same whether they are Novice or not). The qualifiers will then be notified by August 31 of the current year.
3. The top two (2) Youth will qualify for the Team in their first choice of events. If there should be a tie, preference will be given to the youth who has participated in more of the meetings and fundraisers during the current year.
 4. If a Youth does not qualify for his/her first choice event, he/she may qualify in a second event if that Youth is of the top two (2) qualifiers.
 5. Alternates will be selected for each class and in event the top two (2) qualifiers are not able to attend, the alternate will take the available spot.
 6. This system will be strictly adhered to, with NO EXCEPTIONS. If a change is deemed necessary through unusual circumstances, the Provincial Team Youth Advisor/Director and parent must present the change, then reviewed by the MQHA Board of Directors before any change can be made.

Provincial Team Policies:

1. In the event that a youth does not participate on a team they accepted a position on, they shall submit a written explanation of their action concerning that team to the Team Advisor and the Association President within two weeks after the final date of the event they were to participate in. Pending a decision from the MQHYA and the Association President, this may or may not be grounds for suspension of youth from all youth Provincial Teams for a period of one year.
2. MQHYA will appoint a youth Advisor to accompany the Team to the selected trip or team trip if the current Youth Advisor is unable to attend. The MQHA Board of Directors will select the Team Advisor.
3. All Team members are responsible to the Team Advisor. Everyone on the team must abide by the rules they set up.
4. Team members shall at all times conduct themselves in a becoming manner. Each member's action reflects on all MQHYA members and the provinces in general. Conduct unbecoming to the team or the provinces in general, is cause for dismissal from the team by the Team Advisor.
5. When the team is selected you will competing as a team and MUST work together.

6. The team outfits and uniforms shall be chosen by the Executive Board of MQHYA and approved by the Youth Advisor and the MQHA Board of Directors.