Guide to Campaigning for AQHYA Officer and Director

AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

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Congratulations on your decision to campaign to represent the American Quarter Horse Youth Association! We are excited you want to be more involved in your AQHYA experience and have the desire to play an active role in the rule and decision-making processes of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association.

Being an AQHYA Officer (Youth Executive Committee) or Director (Board of Directors) is a fun experience, but also a serious one. These elected individuals represent the eleven regions of AQHYA and every member who resides within them. No matter what position (either officer or director), representing AQHYA's parent organization, the American Quarter Horse Association, is the most important. Please read this entire guide before making the decision to campaign.

To check your eligibility to be an officer or director, please answer the following 10 questions:

1. ***Am I at least 14 years of age?***

2. ***Will I remain eligible for youth membership (18 years of age of younger) on January 1 the final year of my term?***

3. ***Do I reside in the region I wish to represent?***

4. ***Am I a current officer of my affiliate?***

5. ***Do I believe in the purposes of AQHYA?***

6. ***Do I believe I can help youth with varied horse backgrounds find their place in AQHYA?***

7. ***Do I behave in a courteous and respectful manner and refrain from actions that might bring discredit upon AQHYA?***

8. ***Will I do my part to carry out the AQHYA Executive Committee and Board of Directors plan of work for the next year?***

9. ***Am I a delegate?***

To campaign for a position on the AQHYA Leadership Team, you must be a delegate from the state or provincial American Quarter Horse Youth Affiliate in which you reside, and you must be a member in good standing with both your affiliate youth association and the American Quarter Horse Youth Association. Each affiliate may send up to four delegates to represent (allowed to vote) their interests. Additionally, each affiliate may have more than one delegate declare his/her candidacy and/or be elected as a director.

9. ***Can I attend the AQHYA Convention?***

Elections will take place during the AQHYA Convention held in conjunction with the AQHYA Youth Excellence Seminars (Y.E.S.) each year in Amarillo. You should plan to attend Y.E.S. and all meetings of the Leadership Team during the Convention. Even though elections will actually take place in Amarillo, there are ways of letting the membership know you are interested in representing them.

10. ***Did I make appropriate travel arrangements?***

- Newly elected officers and directors will be required to stay in Amarillo for on Sunday and Monday after the AQHYA Convention for training.

- ALL CANDIDATES MUST MAKE FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS TO DEPART AMARILLO THE SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE CONVENTION.

- If a candidate is elected, AQHA will pay for any costs over the typical $100 change fee to return the candidate home on Tuesday. (Example: $200 change fee= candidate pays $100 and AQHYA pays $100)

- Disclaimer: Some situations are beyond our control. For instance, if the flights are full, we can't change that.

- If a candidate is not elected and is not scheduled to depart Amarillo on Sunday, the candidate will be responsible for the cost.

- AQHA will pay for hotel and food expenses while you attend the two days of training.

- Please talk to a travel agent about making reservations that are easily and inexpensively changed.

Please note: Candidates will be required to attend the Candidate's Meeting.

Helpful Hints for Developing an Effective Campaign

- ☑ ***Submit paperwork in time for pre-convention publicity (April 1)***
- ☑ ***Meet with other affiliate delegates***
- ☑ ***Create a slogan?***
- ☑ ***Make promotional materials such as give-a-ways (allowed one), poster, etc..?***
- ☑ ***Complete a resume or summary of activities that shows delegates I am a good choice?***
- ☑ ***Declare your candidacy in a timely manner so you may receive pre-convention publicity and work on your campaign email, which describes your qualifications and goals.***

Tips for your speech:

- ☑ ***Declare the position which you would like to be elected (i.e. President, Secretary or Director).***
- ☑ ***Be creative***
- ☑ ***Use props to convey your message***

How do I plan to let people know I wish to be elected? **Find out on the next page!**

Campaigning before the Convention

Each candidate will be given the opportunity to have his or her picture and a short biographical profile published in a pre-convention email by the given deadline. In addition, candidates may design one email for AQHYA to send each delegate and youth advisor prior to the Convention. Contact the AQHYA with any questions. Should a candidate wish to place an advertisement or be a part of an advertisement in The American Quarter Horse Journal, this would be the candidate's responsibility; however, this practice is not recommended as it does not ensure contact with all voting delegates.

Campaigning at the Convention

Upon your arrival to Amarillo prior to the Convention, you may utilize ½ of a provided 8 foot table in the designated areas for your campaign materials. All of your materials must fit on the tables and cannot be hung. All other posters/materials will be removed by AQHA staff. Please remember that you are responsible for removing all materials immediately after the Convention is concluded or you will be charged a $50 clean-up fee.

In addition to posters, youth are also given the opportunity to use one other form of promotion, such as pens, fans, buttons, etc., which may be distributed to youth on the grounds. It would be appreciated if you would avoid materials which could be used as noise makers or might deface property. Also, as a helpful hint, youths who have been AQHYA Officers or Directors will tell you that the quality of your campaign is what's important and not the quantity of give-a-ways. Try to keep in mind that your personal contact with the membership is much more important than what material offerings you might have. Each region will have a designated area for members to interact for campaigning purposes.

As a campaigning youth, it is important to be considerate of the host facilities and adjoining property, so please do not hang posters or hand out goodies at the hotel or outside of designated areas.

The Convention

As a candidate, you will be required to attend the Candidate's Meeting held at 4 p.m. on the first evening of the convention. At this time, all paperwork including biographies and conduct policies must be completed. Following the candidate meeting, you will be introduced at the first session of the AQHYA Convention. You will be allowed to give a two to three sentence background on yourself and/or reasons for campaigning.

The Elections (Subject to Change)

Step One

The first meeting at which you will campaign will be the regional meetings of the Convention. At these meetings, all of the affiliates within each region (which are outlined in The AQHA Official Handbook) will meet in a group with the AQHYA Officer and/or Directors from that region, and a member of the AQHA Youth Activities Committee or AQHA staff. The AQHYA Officers and/or Directors from your region will officiate the regional meeting, unless he or she is campaigning for office again. In that instance, the meeting will be led by a Youth Activities Committee member or staff person. During the meeting, the campaigning youth will be asked to stand and give a speech (no longer than 4 minutes) relating their goals and reasons for seeking an elected position. Once everyone campaigning in the region has spoken, a vote will be taken among the delegates in attendance, including those campaigning, and three regional representatives will be elected by a 51 percent majority. If one person does not obtain at least a 51 percent majority, a run-off election will be held until one individual takes the majority vote. This process will repeat until three AQHYA Directors are elected. Remember, a majority of the region's delegates in attendance shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Step Two

Of the 3 Directors elected in the region, those who are eligible to run for an Officer position may accept a nomination for office. To be elected as an officer candidate, the individual must first be elected as an AQHYA Director as stated in the AQHA Official Handbook. A majority vote of the delegates will determine their representative for office. Region Eleven (international) will host its own individual election for its AQHYA Officer Candidate. Region Eleven's officer candidate will be responsible for all communication within the region.

Step Three
After the regional elections, a meeting of all delegates will be held to elect the officer candidates to the following positions: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and sentinel.

At these AQHYA elections, each regional representative will introduce him or herself to the general membership and announce his/her candidacy for office by giving a speech. At that time, nominations will be open and a member of the delegates must nominate the candidate for the office sought.

The first office, which will be voted on, will be that of AQHYA President. All regional representatives campaigning for president will be introduced, and voting will take place. Again, a 51 percent majority must be obtained before a winner can be named, and a run-off election will take place until one person has a 51 percent majority vote. The same procedure will be used until all available offices are filled.

Once the elections are over, the new officers will become part of the many activities during Y.E.S. and the AQHYA Convention. The newly elected officers and directors will be required to extend their stay in Amarillo for training and orientation for the next year of service. The officers' and directors' expenses during training (flight changes, food, lodging, etc.) will be covered by AQHYA. Please make flight arrangements that are conducive to changes (i.e. - do not book highly restricted fares that do not allow you to make changes to the itinerary). AQHA reserves the right not to reimburse any unreasonable costs incurred due to these types of fares. The newly elected officers will be required to attend the AQHYA World Championship Show in August as well as the meetings conducted there.

Remember, members of the AQHYA Officers and AQHYA Directors can hold office for more than one year. However, they cannot be elected to serve as AQHYA President for more than one term. The deadline for declaring candidacy is May 2. However, it is encouraged that candidates declare as early as possible (by April 1) so they may be included in the pre-convention publicity by AQHYA.

An officer cannot turn 19 on or before January 1 during the term in which he/she is serving. In order to run for officer, a member must have previously served at least one year as an AQHYA Director or Officer.

If Elected, what can be expected…

Duties of AQHYA Officers
The constitution of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association provides for the elected Officers and Directors to manage the business and property of AQHYA. It also provides that AQHYA will be a division of the parent organization, the American Quarter Horse Association. Therefore, its activities are overseen by AQHA and the AQHA Youth Activities Committee, which is a committee appointed by the AQHA President.

Please refer to the AQHA Official Handbook for descriptions of the duties of AQHYA Officers and Directors.

Officer Travel and Behavior Policies
As a member of the Leadership Team of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association, the first and foremost objective is for you to be an ambassador for what AQHYA stands for.

Once elected, you must be willing/able to travel not listed as an unaccompanied minor.

When AQHYA was formed in 1970, its first Executive Committee and Board of Directors were very clear about what it expected from the Association, and those expectations are just as true today as they were more than 30 years ago.

In developing the Constitution of AQHYA, the following objectives and purposes were defined:

a) To improve and promote the American Quarter Horse breed;

b) To improve and develop the capabilities of youth, both individually and through group participation, in the breeding, raising and exhibition of American Quarter Horses;

c) To develop and improve scholarship, leadership and community interest and participation of young horsemen;

d) To encourage high moral character, sportsmanship and clean living among all its members;

e) To establish a means whereby youth members may work in conjunction with the American Quarter Horse Youth Activities Committee;

f) To create, foster and assist subsidiary affiliate youth associations composed of members of AQHYA;

g) To acquaint youth members and associations with the parent organization, AQHA, its structure and functions.

Invitations

To accomplish many of these objectives, travel will be necessary from time to time. Currently, the AQHYA President receives first option for accepting invitations to represent AQHYA during AQHA events, such as the AQHA World Championship Show and the AQHA Convention, as well as other events that AQHA sponsors on an international basis. Should the President be unable to attend those functions or a part of those functions, the next highest-ranking officer available may be invited to attend.

However, should any affiliate association request an Officer member to attend its affiliate convention or awards meeting, the officer in that region will receive first option to attend. If that individual is unable to attend, then the officer residing the closest to that affiliate will be invited to attend.

In the case of your affiliate's convention, please remember you are expected to attend, and AQHA will not pay expenses to that convention except under very unusual circumstances.

Expenses

AQHA will pay for all official travel expenses; however, each trip must be approved in advance by the AQHA Director of Youth Programs. All travel arrangements, including airplane and hotel reservations, will also be made or must be approved by AQHA's Director of Youth Programs, and will be made on a non-refundable, non-changeable basis. Any changes to tickets or reservations, which result in an extra charge, will be billed to the officer or director. Any other incidental charges (meals, tips or cab fare) should be turned in to the Director of Youth Programs within 30 days of the trip for reimbursement. When traveling alone, make sure to have a credit card with you!

Attire and Appearances for Meetings

Attire while serving as an officer or director must be appropriate to the event. Look professional - you are an image of AQHYA. Suits and ties are recommended for male officers when attending conventions, banquets or presenting awards during the AQHYA World Show. Dresses or slacks are recommended for the female officers. Please use good judgment when dressing for other occasions and be aware of the impression being made. Also, please keep in mind, when presenting awards during either the AQHYA World Show or AQHA World Show, dress appropriately and wear clothing manufactured by AQHA clothing sponsors. Please see attached clothing guidelines!

Behavior

Being an AQHYA officer or director is perhaps one of the most memorable experiences you will ever have, and hopefully, one of the most fun. However, it's important that while you are serving you keep in mind one very important guideline of your constitution.

If you will refer to Section 2, d of the AQHYA Constitution which is listed above, you will find it reads: "To encourage high moral character, sportsmanship and clean living among all its members."

Also, Article VII of the AQHYA Constitution, as passed by the AQHA Executive Committee at its May 1992 meetings, provides for the termination and removal of an officer for cause detrimental to the interest of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association.

As an officer, you are charged with upholding every section of the constitution to the best of your ability. Therefore, it must be understood that at no time will you partake in the consumption of an alcoholic beverage or other controlled substance while you are representing the American Quarter Horse Youth Association as an officer or director. Upon discovery or should it be reported to the Manager of Youth Programs that you were involved in such activities or any other activities unbecoming that of a members of AQHYA's Executive Committee or Board of Directors, you will face any disciplinary action deemed necessary by the AQHA Executive Committee or the AQHA Youth Activities Committee chair and vice chair.

Thank you for taking the time to read this handbook and become more familiar with the opportunities that are before you. The American Quarter Horse Association is proud of its youth and is pleased to be the parent association of the finest youth equine association in the world.

Complete the Officer and Director Candidate Form on the next page…

AQHYA Officer or Director Candidate Form

Name: _____ Age: ____ Birth Date: _____
AQHYA Member #:_____
Physical Mailing Address: _____
City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____
Parent/Guardian Name/Cell Phone: _____
School Attending: _____ Grade: _____
School Address _____
School City, State: _____ School Zip: _____
Region:____ Affiliate State: _____ Youth Advisor Name: _____

Circle the following Region you would like to represent as Director:
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
Circle the following Office you would like to run for: (if applicable- Must have been a director for at least one year)
President V. President Secretary Treasurer Sentinel

List AQHYA or Affiliate Titles you have held. Please list term served dates:
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List teams or committees you have served on for AQHYA or the Affiliate:
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List the 4 biggest contributions you have made towards AQHYA:
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List the 4 most important contributions you have made to your home or community: _____
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Awards and honors (that are not horse show competition related):

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Why did you decide to run for an AQHYA Office or Regional Director?

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PLEASE INCLUDE
(Incomplete Packets will not be accepted)

1. 3x5 High Quality HEADSHOT of yourself to be used for publicity The photograph will not be returned.
2. Make sure all signatures are in place and form is complete.
3. This form should be *in office* no later than April 2 to be included in Pre-Convention Publicity
4. This form may be *in office* no later than May 7 to be considered for candidacy.
5. This form must be accompanied by YES Registration Form

Please return these items to:
AQHYA
c/o Robin Alden
P.O. Box 200
Amarillo, TX 79168
1600 Quarter Horse Drive
Amarillo, TX 79104
ralden@aqha.org

Parent or Guardian Name(s) (please print): _____

Parent or Guardian's Signatures: _____ Date: _____

Advisor's Name (printed): _____

Advisor's Signature (required): _____ Date: _____

Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN AQHYA ACTIVITIES ("AGREEMENT")

For purposes of this Agreement, the terms "AQHYA Activities" or "Activities" includes, but is not limited to, actual American Quarter Horse Youth Association ("AQHYA") events and programs, travel to and from AQHYA events and programs and any activities (scheduled, unscheduled, supervised and/or unsupervised) that occur between the first day of scheduled events or programs and the last day of scheduled events and programs.

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in AQHYA Activities, I _____ (printed name of AQHYA Activities Participant) ("Participant"), for myself, personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of AQHYA Activities and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activities;

2. FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT: (a) AQHYA ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, "INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES", PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, AND DEATH (collectively "RISKS"); (b) these RISKS and dangers may be caused by my own action or inaction, the action or inaction of others participating in the Activities, the condition in which the Activities takes place, or **THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW**; (c) there may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; (d)"Inherent risk of equine activities" means dangers or conditions that are an integral part of equine activities, including, but not limited to, any of the following: (i) the propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine; (ii) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (iii) hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions; (iv) a collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object; and (v) the potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to the person of the participant or to other persons, including but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant; **AND I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I INCUR AS A RESULT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES;**

3. WARRANT and represent that, if the Activities involve horses, I am adequately qualified and experienced to both (a) safely handle and ride a horse in a manner to protect myself and other participants, and (b) participate with groups of riders and horses, such as to take adequate defensive action to avoid injury from third party riders and horses. Furthermore, I understand that it is my responsibility to ascertain the adequacy of my training and experience, and to conduct myself in a manner such as to make the Activities safe and enjoyable for all participants and myself;

4. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE AQHA, AQHF OR AQHYA OR THEIR RESPECTIVE ADMINISTRATORS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, OFFICERS, MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, AND EMPLOYEES, OTHER PARTICIPANTS, ANY SPONSORS, ADVERTISERS, AND, IF APPLICABLE, OWNER AND LESSORS OF PREMISES ON WHICH THE ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE, (EACH CONSIDERED ONE OF THE "RELEASEES" HEREIN) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES WHENEVER OR HOWEVER ARISING AS TO INJURY, DEATH AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURRING AS A RESULT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES OR CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE.

5. AGREE to indemnify, hold harmless and defend "RELEASEES" at my expense, from any and all liability, whenever or however arising, from all third party claims, demands, causes of action, suits, judgments, liabilities, costs and expenses of any nature arising out of (i) my negligent act(s) or omissions during or related in any way to the Activities; and/or (ii) my willful act(s) or omission(s) during or related in any way to the Activities; and/or (iii) any misinformation or misrepresentations made by me in this Agreement. I agree to pay any of "RELEASEES'" costs, expenses and reasonable attorney fees incurred, arising directly or indirectly out of or with respect to any third party claims or associated with the enforcement of the indemnity obligations referenced above.

***6. UNDERSTAND** that should I not abide by the established rules of conduct, I will be returned home, and I agree to pay for the necessary transportation expenses for the accompanying chaperone and myself. Specifically, insubordination, possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages, possession and/or use of harmful non-prescribed drugs or substances, destruction of property, cheating or misrepresentation in a competition event, failure to participate in program as scheduled, fighting, disruptive behavior, violation of AQHA or AQHYA rules and regulations, violation of established curfews and any other policies established by the supervisor designed to assure the safety and well being of the group and individuals will be deemed as just cause for disciplinary action; and*

7. AUTHORIZE those in charge of the delegation to make medical arrangements for the care of me as deemed necessary. I further authorize any licensed medical person/facility to treat me. I agree to assume full financial responsibility for any medical services provided.

Please list any special health factors which the Participant has, such as asthma, heart condition, epilepsy, diabetes, allergic reaction to medication, etc. (attach additional sheet if necessary):

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Please list any prescribed or patent medications that the Participant will be taking while attending and/or participating in the Activities (attach additional sheet if necessary):

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I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID, THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Participant Address: _____

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Phone:_____

Participant's Signature (required ONLY if age 18 or over): _____

Date:_____

Keep Going, Almost Done…

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT, AUTHORIZATION, RELEASE & INDEMNITY

And I, the Participant's parent and/or legal guardian, have read this Agreement and fully understand its terms. I understand the nature of the Activities, the associated Risks of the Activities and the Participant's experience and capabilities and represent that the Participant is qualified, in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activities. **I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I INCUR AS A RESULT OF THE PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES.**

I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE THE "RELEASEES" FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES WHENEVER OR HOWEVER ARISING AS TO INJURY, DEATH AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURRING AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES OR CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE. I agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend "RELEASEES" at my expense, from any and all liability, whenever or however arising, from all third party claims, demands, causes of action, suits, judgments, liabilities, costs and expenses of any nature arising out of (i) Participant's negligent act(s) or omissions during or related in any way to the Activities; and/or (ii) Participant's willful act(s) or omission(s) during or related in any way to the Activities; and/or (iii) any misinformation or misrepresentations made by the Participant or me in this Agreement. I agree to pay any of "RELEASEES'" costs, expenses and reasonable attorney fees incurred, arising directly or indirectly out of or with respect to any third party claims or associated with the enforcement of the indemnity obligations referenced above.

Should the Participant not abide by the established rules of conduct, I understand that the Participant will be returned home, and I agree to pay for the necessary transportation expenses for the Participant and the accompanying chaperone. I authorize those in charge of the delegation to make medical arrangements for the care of the Participant as deemed necessary. I further authorize any

licensed medical person/facility to treat the Participant. I agree to assume full financial responsibility for any medical services provided.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID, THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Address (please include physical address):

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Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Name & Phone Number of Other Person Who Would Know Whereabouts of Parent/Guardian:

_____

Name, Address and Phone of Family Physician:

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Parent/Guardian Signature (required <u>REGARDLESS</u> of Participant's age):

_____ **Date: _____**

AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

As participants in and representatives of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association, the following clothing guidelines have been established for your involvement in AQHYA events.

AQHYA Event Clothing Guidelines

Clothing must be clean and free from holes and tears.
No bare skin exhibited between shirt and pants/shorts.
Skirts and shorts must be at least mid-thigh length.
Underclothing cannot be visible.
No cleavage should be visible at any time.
Layered look of a shirt with sleeves over spaghetti strap top is acceptable if sleeved shirt is kept on.
Hats will be removed by males and females inside buildings. Exception is that during dances, hats may be worn.

If there is a session where formal/semi-formal attire is scheduled, the following apply:

- Male AQHYA member must wear buttoned and collared shirt with tie, dress slacks or dark jeans with belt, and appropriate footwear.
- Female AQHYA member must wear dress or skirt of at least mid-thigh length or slacks or dress jeans. Formal dress with spaghetti straps or that are strapless may be worn, but no backless attire. Appropriate footwear and blouse/top to accompany outfit.

Below are the following items that are prohibited:
No garments or buttons with offensive slogans, advertisement, or artwork.
No muscle shirts or long chains.
No tube tops, halter tops, spaghetti strap tops (exceptions above), off the shoulder tops, low cut tops, backless tops, and sheer shirts.
No swimwear visible outside of the pool area.

If an AQHYA member is inappropriately dressed, he or she will be asked by an AQHA employee, youth adviser or adult chaperone to go change into something appropriate. If an AQHYA member refuses to comply within a timely manner he/she will be sent home at the parent's expense.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of AQHYA Member: _____ Date: _____

RETURN TO:

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Remember to Fill out your online Registration Form!!