

**2010 Letter of Intent  
World Team**



**DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2010**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AQHA#** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**D.O.B:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Parents or Guardians:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address if different:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF HORSE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AQHA#** \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNER OF HORSE** \_\_\_\_\_

**RELATION TO YOUTH** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE NATIONALLY QUALIFIED** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN WHICH CLASSES?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list the classes for which you would like to qualify (including both 14-18 and 13 & Under). *NO NOVICE CLASSES ARE OFFERED.***

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following you would be interested in:

Talent Competition: \_\_\_\_\_ Public Speaking: \_\_\_\_\_ Horse Bowl: \_\_\_\_\_ Scrapbook: \_\_\_\_\_

Stall Decorating: \_\_\_\_\_ Jeans Decorating: \_\_\_\_\_ Boot Decorating: \_\_\_\_\_

The cost for a family of four to attend the Youth World Show is approximately \$3000.00. This includes transportation for horse and family, gas, food, hotel, shavings, clothing, and other incidentals.

**DATE RECEIVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

# **RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE 2010 VQHYA YOUTH WORLD SHOW TEAM**

## **Youth must be a member in good standing with the AQHYA, VQHA, and VQHYA.**

1. To be eligible for the Virginia Youth World Team, a youth must be a resident of Virginia and a member in good standing of VQHA, VQHYA, and AQHA by April 1. Non-resident VQHYA members who have completed the letter of intent and met all additional requirements will be considered for a team position after Virginia resident youth positions have been filled.
2. Any member interested in qualifying for a state position on the Youth World Team must submit a Letter of Intent to the Youth Advisors by April 1. See Appendix A.
3. If a Virginia youth qualifies nationally for the AQHYA World Show, he or she can participate on the Virginia World Team, but will not take one of the state positions for that class.
4. The Youth World Team representing Virginia shall, in most cases, consist of the youth who have the first and second places in the state standings for each class. *Priority shall be given to youth in the 14-18 age group.*
5. The Youth MUST have earned 2 (two) AQHA point in the class they are attempting to show in with the horse they intend to show. Points must be earned between May 1, 2009 and April 30, 2010.
6. Youth must earn 5 credits in order to take a state position on the AQHYA World Team. Credits are earned by attending meetings, participating in fundraising activities and any other activity approved by the Youth Advisor. The recording of credits for each Youth will be done by the Youth Advisor.
7. Each class at the World will be separate, and the competitor in third place will be the alternate. A youth may be allowed to cross-enter all classes at the World. Individuals who qualify for the Youth World Team must be suitable and able to represent Virginia.
8. The VQHYA membership shall have the right to determine the state requirements concerning the number of shows, the selection of shows, and other qualifications. These requirements shall be determined annually at the Awards Banquet meeting.
9. The VQHYA qualifying points for the AQHYA World Show Team shall follow the guidelines for counting state points that are outlined in the current VQHA Show and Contest Rules. Novice points do not count towards qualifying for either show.
10. A youth who competes in events not usually offered at VQHA shows, such as team penning, speed events, and roping, will be eligible to represent Virginia on the Youth Team with the approval of the VQHA Board and the VQHYA Executive Committee. The

youth must be a high scorer at AQHA shows outside of Virginia or at shows, competitions, and associations recognized by VQHA.

11. A member must participate in 75% of the fund-raising projects during the year to be eligible for a state team position. This includes raffles, sales, soliciting advertisements for the VQHYA show booklet, cookouts and barbeques, and helping at the Youth Table.
12. Youth members who qualify nationally for the World Show are not required to participate in fund-raising projects, however they will not receive funds or other Team paraphernalia from VQHYA unless they participate in the required fundraising.
13. A member who does not wish to participate in the fund-raising may elect to make a \$300 payment to be deposited in the VQHYA account (a “buy-out”). This option will be discussed on a case-by-case basis, and is not to be encouraged.
14. A member who without written or warranted reason backs out on a team position after the final decisions have been made shall not be eligible for any other team activity for the year.
15. A team member or alternate participating in the AQHYA World Show will be required to walk or ride in the Parade of States unless excused for reasons deemed sufficient by the Youth Advisors.
16. All funds collected for or donated to the Youth Team will be deposited in the VQHYA treasury. To help meet expenses, a fair amount of those funds will be divided equitably among team members, under direction of the Youth Advisors. The Youth Advisors shall have final responsibility for the disbursement of funds and for the percentage each member receives.
17. A Team Committee will be made up of trainers and other active VQHA members. The members of the committee should not be the parents of or work with prospective team members. The committee will make decisions in case of a tie or any other difficult circumstances that cannot be resolved by team members involved or by the Youth Advisors.
18. Any member and parent or guardian of the youth submitting a letter of intent, MUST sign a copy of the Code of Conduct *and* Rules and Regulations. The signed copy must accompany the Letter of Intent.

### ***CODE OF CONDUCT***

- ❑ As per the AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations, “membership and election to office in the AQHYA, VQHYA is a privilege, not a right which may be terminated or refused for cause detrimental to the interest of AQHA, AQHYA, and VQHYA, its programs, policies, objectives, and harmonious relationships of its members.” Activities deemed detrimental to the interest of AQHYA and VQHYA include, but are not limited to, immoral and lewd conduct, un-sportsman like behavior, Alcohol, drugs, and tobacco products. Regardless of the permissive laws of your state or indulgence of your parents or legal guardian, use of the above-mentioned products or

happenings of such conduct is NOT permitted while representing the AQHYA or VQHYA.

- ❑ SUCH BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. ANY YOUTH FOUND OR REPORTED TO BE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE DETRIMENTAL ACTIVITIES OR BEHAVIOR WILL IMMEDIATELY BE REMOVED FROM THE ACTIVITY. The incident will be reported immediately to the parent or guardian. All offenses will be fully investigated by the Youth Advisor and the Youth Committee. If a hearing before the VQHYA Board and Youth Committee is scheduled, the youth may present evidence on his or her behalf. Please refer to the AQHYA OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF RULES AND REGULATIONS for the AQHYA mission statement, motto, and code of conduct.
  
- ❑ Any member and parent or guardian of the youth submitting a letter of intent, **MUST** sign a copy of the Code of Conduct *and* Rules and Regulations. The signed copy must accompany the Letter of Intent.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the Rules and Regulations, and the Code of Conduct. I understand what is required of me to be a participating member of the VQHYA Youth World Team.

Youth signature: \_\_\_\_\_

As a parent/ guardian, I have read the Rules and Regulations, and Code of Conduct. I understand what is expected of my child to be a participating member of the VQHYA Youth World team.

Parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date received:** \_\_\_\_\_