

New Hampshire Quarter Horse Youth Association

BYLAWS

Article I Title and Support

Section 1 The name of the organization is New Hampshire Quarter Horse Youth Association, (NHQHYA). NHQHYA operates under the guidance of NHQHA both financially and administratively. NHQHYA members are represented by officers, directors and supported by the NHQHA Youth Advisor and the Youth Activities Committee. They act upon the recommendations received by the NHQHYA officers, directors and NHQHYA members. Youth vote on their own issues and report them to the NHQHA Youth Activities Committee and send their opinions to the NHQHA Board of Directors.

Section 2 NHQHYA must be approved by or affiliated with NHQHA. NHQHA has final governance and fiduciary responsibility over NHQHYA.

Article II Purpose

The Association shall have as its principle objectives.

Section 1 To promote pride of ownership and or interest in American Quarter Horses among Youth.

Section 2 To development of leadership, initiative, self-reliance, sportsmanship, good character and safety.

Section 3 The objectives of horsemanship, proper care and handling of the horse and participation of the preceding sections should be primary.

Section 4 Shall provide appropriate activities for youth members of NHQHA and will encourage all types of Equine Activities including but not limited to Team Tournaments, Horse Bowls, World and Congress Teams, Trail Rides etc.

Article III Membership

Section 1 Eligibility - Eligibility for membership shall include any youth age 18 & under as of January 1st of the current year who is interested in the American Quarter Horse as a breed and the purpose of NHQHYA.

Section 2 Voting rights - In all matters that are governed by the vote of the members, each member is entitled to one vote.

Section 3 Dues - Dues of NHQHYA will be set annually by the presiding NHQHA Board of Directors and listed in the official NHQHA Policy Book.

Section 4 All proceedings of this Association shall be in harmony with the bylaws and policies of the New Hampshire Quarter Horse Association and the American Quarter Horse Association.

Article IV Board of Directors and Executive Committee

Section 1 Eligibility-All members of the Board of Directors shall be current paid members of NHQHA. Youth officers and NH AQHYA Delegates must be members in good standing with AQHA.

Section 2 Board of Directors Composition and Authority-The Board of directors shall consist of (11) members; all terms will be for one year. The Board of Directors shall meet no less than (4) times per year for the purpose of financial matters and other such business as pertains to NHQHYA, or as the board deems necessary. Any board member may be dismissed if he/she misses two or more meetings in a fiscal year. The Board shall have the power to appoint, until the next regular annual meeting, persons to unfilled or vacated Board of Director seats. The board shall have the power to enforce all rules and regulations governing NHQHYA. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, the attendance of (6) board members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3 All letters of intent for the NHQHYA Board of Directors and AQHYA delegates must be given to the Youth Advisor and Youth Association President on or before October 1st of the current year. Elections of the New Hampshire Quarter Horse Youth Association officers shall run in conjunction with the New Hampshire Quarter Horse Association.

Section 4 Executive Committee – The Executive committee shall consist of five Officers who reside in the State of NH; President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary elected every year by the Board of Directors prior to January 1st of the next year.

Section 5 A President exiting office will assume the position of Past President and is encouraged to continue to work with the newly elected President in a consulting manner for one calendar year.

Section 6 There shall also be four delegates who reside in the State of New Hampshire elected by the members of NHQHYA to represent NHQHYA at the AQHYA Convention. These individuals will be elected by the members of NHQHYA.

Article V Fiscal Year

Section 1 NHQHYA shall maintain a calendar year.

Article VI Meetings

Section 1 There shall be a minimum of four (4) general membership meetings, activities, or functions a year or as deemed necessary by the NHQHYA officers and Board of Directors.

Section 2 The Annual meeting shall be for the election of Board of Directors, NH AQHYA Delegates and for planning the schedule for the upcoming year. The Annual meeting shall be held in November of the current year. At least a 10 day notice of the Annual meeting shall be given to each member by a notice in regular mail or listed in the NHQHA newsletter.

Article VII Amendments

Section 1 Any proposed changes to the NHQHYA bylaws must be submitted to the Youth Activities Committee by the October NHQHA Board meeting. The bylaws may only be amended at the NHQHYA Annual meeting by a 2/3 vote of those members present. The Secretary must receive the bylaw changes, from the youth general membership no later than September 15th to be considered at the Youth Annual meeting. A copy of the proposed amendments must be mailed to the general membership at least ten days prior to the meeting. Bylaw changes become effective January 1st of the next calendar year.

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