

## **ARTICLE \_\_. STANDING GUIDELINES OF THE BCQHA**

### **Section 1: AQHYA World Championship Show Eligibility**

All BCQHA youth members in good standing, with all dues and fees paid by May 31<sup>st</sup> of the qualifying year, and who reside within the Province of British Columbia are eligible to qualify for American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship Show held annually (usually in August) in Oklahoma City, OK.

### **Section 2: Qualification Period for Provincial / Affiliate Qualification**

All BCQHA approved shows beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year through to and including May 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year is the time period in which the points are tabulated to qualify provincially for this show. (Due to the level of competition and size of this show, it is recommended that youth wishing to go to the AQHYA World Show go to watch as a spectator prior to participating, but not mandatory.) Note: AQHYA National qualification period ends April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Section 3: Qualifying Points**

Points earned in the best 75% of the total BCQHA approved classes that the youth showed in, will count towards provincially qualifying for the AQHYA World Show. Qualifying points will be compiled from the time the qualification period begins, provided membership information and a Letter of Intent to qualify is received by BCQHA by **March 31<sup>st</sup>** of the current year the member wishes to qualify.

### **Section 4: Qualifying Horses**

Qualifying points will be compiled on a one-youth/one-horse basis. A youth may qualify more than one horse in individual work events such as reining, roping, trail, working hunter, etc.

### **Section 5: BCQHA Qualifying Riders**

BCQHA will allow and send up to six (6) youth qualifiers per event. This does not include those who qualify nationally through the BCQHA qualifying system.

### **Section 6: Qualifying Procedures**

All BCQHA youth members wishing to be considered for the team must send a Letter of Intent to the Youth Advisor by **March 31<sup>st</sup>** of the same year the youth member intends to exhibit at the AQHYA World Show. If the top six (6) point earners do not wish to attend, then the next top point earner will be invited until six (6) qualifiers have been secured. In the event of a tie of the points for the top six (6) point earners, then the applicants who are tied will each submit a resume to the Youth Advisor outlining their personal details such as past show history, BCQHA involvement, age, etc. and the Advisory Board (See Section 9), will review the resumes and make the final decision as to who will represent the BCQHA at the AQHYA World Show.

## **Section 7: Petitions**

In the event that there are qualifying vacancies in a particular class or classes, then a BCQHA youth member in good standing may petition to the BCQHA Advisory Board to exhibit in the vacant AQHYA World Show class(es). Petitions must be in writing and state the reasons why the BCQHA Advisory Board should consider the petition. Petitions must be submitted no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> to the BCQHA Board of Directors. The petition is to be reviewed and recommendations submitted to the BCQHA Advisory Board by May 15<sup>th</sup> of the year in which the member is petitioning to attend. All decisions of the BCQHA Advisory Board will be final.

## **Section 9: BCQHA Advisory Board**

The BCQHA Advisory Board shall consist of the following persons:

- 1) The BCQHA Youth Advisor
- 2) A Non-Conflicting Officer of the BCQHA Board (starting with the President)
- 3) A Member of the BCQHA Board with NO associated BCQHA connections or affiliations.

## **Section 10: Other AQHYA World Show Contests**

Any BCQHA individuals may qualify to participate in any other AQHYA World Show contests such as Horse Judging, Horse Bowl, Speech and Talent Contests, etc. Petitions to participate in these events will be on an individual basis and will require current BCQHA membership standing and a Letter of Intent to qualify received by **March 31st** of the year in which the member wishes to qualify.

## **Section 11: Selection for Other Team Tournaments**

With respect to any team tournament selection process such as the team tournament at the All American Quarter Horse Congress, which requires the aid of the BCQHA Youth Advisor, the decision of selection will be made at the sole discretion of the BCQHA Youth Advisor. Any youth intending on applying for the team tournament at the All American Quarter Horse Congress shall provide a Letter of Intent to the BCQHA Youth Advisor at least sixty (60) days prior to such show deadlines.

## **Section 12: BCQHA Point System**

- A. The BCQHA Point System for all halter and performance classes is based on the current BCQHA high point award system, and will be awarded the follows:

**New for 2013:** Show points will be calculated by assessing 1 point for each horse in the class down to 1 with a maximum of 9 points. (ie 1 horse = 1 point, 2 horses in a class – first place receives 2 points and second place receives 1 point, 3 horses in a class – first place receives 3 points and second place receives 2 points and third place receives 1 point, etc.)

a. Should the BCQHA high point award system change, the point system for provincial qualification shall follow that change.

B. All points earned during the qualifying period will be accumulated for each class. The class must be offered a minimum of five (5) times.

C. In the event that a tie occurs in the overall performance competitions, the horse to be declared the winner will have:

a. Earned the most wins during the qualifying period.

b. Won over the greatest number of horses, in classes won.

Any discrepancies will be resolved and finalized by the BCQHA Executive.

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