



Ontario Quarter Horse Association Inc.

**ONTARIO QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION INC.  
CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS 2008**

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**ONTARIO QUARTER HORSE  
ASSOCIATION INC.**

**CONSTITUTION**

To carry on educational and sporting activities and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to promote interest in and the study of Quarter Horses for public showings, sport and pleasure.

For the objects, aforesaid, to carry on printing and publishing and to sell and distribute literature.

The O.Q.H.A. shall be carried on without the purpose of gain for its Members and any profits or other accretion to the Corporation shall be used in promoting its objects.

**HEAD OFFICE**

The Head Office of the Company shall be at any municipality in the province of Ontario, as the Directors of the Company shall from time to time determine.

**SEAL**

The seal, an impression of which is stamped on the margin hereof shall be the seal of the Company and when, if used, shall be authenticated by the signature of the President and the secretary or by the signature of the President and the secretary or by the signature of officers or other persons as the Board may from time to time appoint.

**LOGOS**

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**BY-LAWS**

By-laws contain all the other rules of the Association which are of too great importance to be changed without giving notice to the Association of such change.

A by-law relates generally to the transaction of the business and affairs of the Company, to be enacted by the Directors of the Company as by-laws, thereof as follows.

These by-laws may be amended at any general meeting of the Association by the affirmative vote of two thirds of the Members present. Notice of all proposed amendments shall be given to the secretary sixty (60) days in advance of any annual or general meeting and they shall be included in the notice calling such meeting otherwise the Association shall have no power to deal with same.

**OFFICERS**

## **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

There shall be a President, a 1st Vice-President, a 2nd Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, or a Secretary Treasurer, and such other Officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine. The President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice-President shall be elected from among the Directors, at each first Meeting of the Board of Directors following its election by the Members. A vacancy in either office may be filled at any time in the same manner. All other Officers shall be appointed from time to time by the Board of Directors. One person may hold more than one office except the Officers of President, 1st Vice-President and 2nd Vice-President.

All Board of Directors must give the company permission via signed waver to have a criminal background check performed by an appropriate police body.

## **TERMS**

The remuneration and other terms of employment of the officers shall be fixed from time to time by the Board or by the President if so authorized by the Board, but in the absence of express agreement with the Company the employment of all Officers shall be during the pleasure of the Board.

## **THE PRESIDENT**

The President shall be the chief Executive Officer of the Company. He/She shall, if present, preside at the Meetings of the Company and the Board of Directors. He/She shall sign all instruments which require his signature and shall perform all duties incident to his office. He/She shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out. He/She and the General Manager shall sign all deeds or other formal documents. He/She shall perform all other duties as are usually incident to the Office of President of the Company or as required of them by the Directors. They or the General Manager shall sign all cheques, drafts, notes and orders for the payment of money and they or the General Manager shall pay out and dispose of the same under the direction of the Board of Directors.

## **1ST VICE-PRESIDENT**

The 1st Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence or disability or refusal to act of the President. They will assume position of Finance Chairman. They shall also have such powers and duties, if any, as may from time to time be assigned to them by the Board.

## **2ND VICE-PRESIDENT**

The 2nd Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the President or 1st Vice-President in the absence or disability or refusal to act of the President or 1st Vice-President. He/She will assume the position of By-Law Chairman. He/She shall also have such powers and duties, if any, as may from time to time be assigned

by the Board.

#### **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

The immediate Past President shall be a Member of the Board of Directors, and have full voting privileges of the Association. All other past Presidents shall be Honorary Directors, but shall have no voting privileges of the Board.

#### **SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall have charge of the corporate Seal and the Minute book of the Company and shall record in such book, Minutes of all Meeting of Directors and Shareholders and of such other proceedings as the Board may direct. Unless some other Officer is specifically charged with the duty, they shall also keep or cause to be kept such books and records as the Company requires to keep under the provisions of the Ontario Corporations Act. They shall sign with the President or other signing Officer of the Company such instruments as require their signature.

#### **TREASURER**

The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all the funds and securities of the Company and shall deposit the same in the name of the Company in such bank or banks, depository or depositories as the Board of Directors may direct. Unless some other Officers specifically charged with the duty shall keep or cause to be kept the books of account which the Company is required to keep under the provision of the Ontario Corporations Act.

#### **GENERAL MANAGER AND MANAGER**

The Board of Directors may from time to time appoint a General Manager or Manager, who may but need not be one of the Directors of the Company, and may delegate to them full authority to manage and direct the business and affairs of the Company (except such matters and duties as by law must be transacted or performed by the Board of Directors or by the agents and employees of the Company or may delegate to them any less power) if, and so long as, the General Manager or Manager is a Director they may but need not be known as "Managing Director". They shall at all reasonable times give to the Directors or any of them all information they may require regarding the affairs of the Company.

#### **DIRECTORS**

**Section 1** - The affairs of the Company shall be managed by the Board of twenty-four (25) Directors. There shall be a maximum of one (1) Director elected from area seven, a maximum of two (2) Directors elected from area six, a maximum of four (4) Directors elected from areas one, four and five, and a maximum of five (5) Directors from areas two and three.

See schedule for location of area division. When any area shows a significant increase in membership said area will be considered yearly for a revision in the number of Directors allowed.

Directors so elected shall retain their Directorship for the entire Company year, even though they may physically move from their elected area, with exception of removal in accordance with existing by-laws. When there is a shortage of elected Directors, the President has the right to appoint Directors at large, for one (1) year term, with the Board of Directors' approval.

### **Section 2 - Qualification**

Only Members in good standing will be eligible to be Directors, the Member must hold a valid individual membership in the Company and must have reached his/or her nineteenth (19th) birthday by January 1st of the Director year. For this purpose, a family membership is deemed the same as an individual membership. Each Director must be a Member in good standing of their respective area promotional club should one exist.

### **Section 3 - Election and Terms**

Directors shall be elected by the Members at an annual general meeting of the Company by secret ballot. All Directors whose term has expired shall retire, but shall be eligible for re-election if otherwise qualified. That with the election of officers - 50% of the Board of Directors will be elected at each annual meeting for a term of two years according to the most votes in each area.

### **Section 4 - Vacancies**

In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors by death, resignation, disqualification the vacancy may be filled by an appointment of the Board from the same area as the person vacating.

A Director may vacate his/her office at any time by written resignation.

### **Section 5 - Removal of Directors**

A Director may be removed from office at any time by resolution passed by two thirds of the vote cast at a General Meeting of Members of which notice specifying the intention to pass such resolution has given, the vacancy shall be filled as set out in Section 4.

### **Section 6 - Directors meetings**

**WITHOUT NOTICE** - Directors' meetings may also be held at any place with no formal notice, if all the Directors are present, or if those absent waive notice and consent to the holding of the meeting.

No notice shall be necessary for the first meeting of the Board held after its election at the annual meeting.

**WAIVER AND CONSENT** - Notice of any meeting or any irregularity in any meeting or in the notice thereof may be waived by any Director. Any waiver and consent may be given either by written or verbal communication.

**NOTICE OF MOTION** - Any resolution or notice of motion affecting policy monetary or committee structure changes, or any deputations to be presented to the Directors or the executive committee must be in the hands of the secretary at least two (2) weeks prior to the next regular

meeting of the Director so it can be distributed to the Directors prior to the meeting.

**ATTENDANCE** - Any elected Director who has missed (absent or excused) for two (2) consecutive times from meetings is, automatically, removed as a Director without further action. Vacancy to be filled by an individual, who will represent the area's interest at Board meetings and approved by the Board of Directors. Absence shall be evident by the roll call at meeting of the Board of Directors.

**VOTING** - At a meeting of the Board of Directors, each Director present shall have one (1) vote on every question, and in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

**QUORUM** - A quorum of any meeting of Members, shall consist of at least twenty-five (25) individuals. A quorum of any meeting of Directors, according to the Roberts Rule of Order (HALF THE ELECTED DIRECTORS).

### **Section 7**

#### **PROTECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

No Director or officer of the Company shall be liable for the acts, receipts, neglect or default of any other Directors or officers, or for any loss or damage arising from bankruptcy, insolvency or tortuous act of any person with whom any of the monies, securities or effects of the Company shall be deposited, or for any loss occasioned by any error of judgment or oversight on his/her part, or for any other loss, damage or misfortune whatever which shall happen in the execution of the duties of his/her office, or in relation thereto unless the same shall happen through his/her own dishonesty.

#### **INDEMNITY OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

Every Director or officer of the Company and its executors and administrators, and effects respectively shall from time to time and at all times, be indemnified and saved harmless out of the Company, from and against.

#### **REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS**

The Directors shall be paid such remuneration, if any, as the Board may from time to time determine. Any remuneration so payable to a Director, who is also an officer or employee of the Company, or who is counsel or solicitor to the Company or otherwise serves it in a professional capacity, shall be in addition to his/or her salary as such officer or to his/or her professional fees as the case may be.

#### **COMMITTEES**

In addition to the executive committee herein before described there may be the following committees or other committees deemed necessary:

Advisory Committee Membership Development

Amateur Committee Newsletter

Area Shows Committee Nominating Committee

Banquet Committee Past Presidents  
Breeders Futurity Planning Committee  
Building Fund Points/Awards  
By-Laws Committee Promotion & Publicity  
Drug Testing Quarterama Committee  
Education & Clinics Queen Committee  
English Committee Show & Contest Committee  
Finance Committee Special Awards  
Fund Raising Speed Events  
Games Committee Trophy Committee  
Incentive Fund Committee Youth Committee

Membership Committee

The President will select a Chairperson for each committee. The President must submit his choice of Chairperson to the Board of Directors for approval.

It is recommended that a Director from the Board serve on each committee but need not be the Chairperson.

The President of the Company is automatically a Member of every committee with voice and vote.

Every committee, its Chairman, officers, delegates, members and appointees is subservient to the Board of Directors.

The Chairman of each committee, when approved, should be notified of the terms of reference and jurisdiction of his committee with a list of priorities, and is required to submit in return a letter of their properties, bud-get, and schedule of pro posed meetings.

The Board may delegate additional authority to each committee. Each Chairperson of a committee must submit the name and address of every committee Member to the Board, within one month after his/her appointment. To be eligible for a committee appointment, an individual must be an Association Member, in good standing, at the time of his or her appointment.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The executive committee shall be composed of the President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, and any two Directors, provided that the two Directors so appointed will be from a zone separate from each other and from that of the President, 1st Vice-President, and 2nd Vice-President.

**Responsibilities** - the executive committee shall have the power to conduct all business and affairs of the Company with the exception of appointing Board vacancies. The removal of Directors, disciplinary action and reinstatement, by-law changes, and membership fees and classification (except such matters and duties as By-Law must be transacted or performed by the Board of Directors or by the members in a general meeting). All decisions taken shall become part of the Directors minute book.

**Notice of Meeting** - Notice of the meeting of the executive committee shall be mailed postage prepaid, to each Member thereof, five (5) days at least before the date of the meeting to their last known post office address appearing on the books of the association. Meetings of the executive committee may be held on shorter notice or without notice in writing, providing all have given their consent to the meeting to be held. A meeting of such consent shall be entered in the minutes. The President must hold a minimum of two executive meetings, one in April and one in November.

#### **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

The immediate past President, shall be a Member of the Board of Directors, and have full voting privileges of the association. All other past Presidents shall be honorary Directors, but shall have no voting privileges of the Board.

#### **PAST PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE**

##### **Eligibility**

Must have completed a minimum of one (1) year as President of the OQHA and be a Member in good standing.

##### **PURPOSE**

- (a) to support, assist and advise the President of OQHA as requested
- (b) to make recommendations to the President and Board of Directors for the future direction the association should take planning.
- (c) make recommendations to the Board changes required to keep the by-laws and constitution in concise form
- (d) the OQHA past Presidents committee must convene a minimum of twice a year, last Sunday in March and the last Sunday in September. Place and time to be determined each year, or as requested by the immediate President of OQHA. Past Presidents will function as a committee of OQHA as per item #33 (Committee of Schedule A) motion made and seconded - carried March 27th, 1983.

#### **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE**

The Board of Directors shall have the power to place on probation, suspend or expel any Member who fails to observe any rule or regulation set forth in these bylaws, or whose conduct is in the opinion of the Board prejudicial to the interests of the Company.

When a Member is disciplined, suspended or expelled or a non-member is denied membership privileges by the Board of Directors, their file will be turned over to the disciplinary committee for further action.

The disciplinary committee is the forum within the association which initially or ultimately hears or reviews evidence of alleged violations of rules and regulations by Members of non-members.

A Member placed on probation shall be given a designated time for that probation, and after the expiration of such time shall automatically be

reinstated.

A Member on probation shall be denied the privilege of voting during that period of time which he/or she is on probation.

A Member suspended shall, after the expiration of sixty (60) days, have the right to apply in writing or by membership application to the Board of Directors for reinstatement, and shall, on application be reinstated at the next meeting of the Board, provided that two thirds of the Members of the Board present thereat vote in the affirmative.

A Member suspended shall be denied all privileges and all awards and points accumulated be dissolved.

Any person or persons, holding a family membership which entitles, and includes, a youth under the age of eighteen (18) to participate in any OQHA events. will, during the period of suspension be denied the privileges, entitled under a family membership.

### **Irregularities**

When an exhibitor, and or, his/her father, mother, sister, brother, grandparents, step parents, or legal guardian, or any other representative(s) acting on behalf of the exhibitor, is guilty, of unsportsmanlike conduct, the Ontario Quarter Horse Association, can, suspend the rights of such exhibitor, and, or the exhibitors, father, mother, sister, brother, grandparents, step parents, or legal guardian, or any other representatives acting on behalf of the exhibitor, to, participate in future approved shows for a period as judged appropriate.

Expulsion shall be for a specified period of time not less than one (1) year in duration, and a person so expelled shall after the expiration of the specified period of time, have the right to apply in writing to the Board of Directors for reinstatement, and shall, on application be reinstated at the next meeting of the Board provided that two thirds of the Members of the Board present thereat vote in the affirmative. A Member expelled shall be denied all privileges of the Company.

If the Board of Directors refuse to reinstate a person suspended or expelled from membership, such person so expelled shall have the right to apply for reinstatement by the next succeeding general meeting shall be only by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the Members present there at and voting.

Prior to the Board of Directors exercising its authority herein to place on probation or suspend or expel a Member, the Member shall have first received notification of the breach or charge being brought against him/or her and shall have an opportunity of answering such charge.

The Member shall be notified by letter in writing sent by pre paid registered post to his/or her address last noted with the corporation or by telegraph so addressed, the notice shall state the time and place of the hearing, the Member charged shall have the right to appear in person or with

counsel to address the Board of Directors in an attempt to answer the charge.

In the event the Member does not appear in person or in counsel on the date set for hearing, the Board may proceed in his/her absence.

Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, the Board of Directors may without hearing immediately suspend the Member pending the hearing.

#### **Suspensions may occur for**

(a) Nonpayment by a Member of any account with the Ontario Quarter Horse Association for a period of ninety (90) days, shall result in automatic suspension from the Ontario Quarter Horse Association till such time as the arrears are paid in full, the Member may then be reinstated at the discretion of the Board.

(b) nonpayment of any account pertaining to Quarterama, Ontario Quarter Horse Breeders Futurity, and any other committees associated with OQHA Inc. In furtherance of their official duties, all association representatives shall be treated with courtesy, co-operation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

#### **POSITIVE DRUG AND TAIL TESTING**

Any person suspended by AQHA and/or OQHA for a positive drug test or tail test in Ontario will automatically be fined five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or the cost of the testing procedure whichever is the greater. This person will not be allowed to show in any OQHA event until the fine is paid to OQHA. Any Member of the OQHA, who is suspended by AQHA and OQHA and the penalties of these rules. Privileges of the OQHA, including all approved shows and all futurities under their jurisdiction.

The exhibitor and owner are responsible for a horse's condition and presumed to know all rules and regulations of AQHA and OQHA and the penalties of these rules.

Such individuals voluntary act in entering, exhibiting or causing to be exhibited a horse in an approved show make him/or her eligible for disciplinary sanction.

**Drug Testing Fee:** A drug-testing fee of \$2.00 per horse/per entry is required for all shows, including the O.Q.H.B.F.

#### **QUEEN CONTEST**

A Queen contest will be held every year and the winner of the contest will represent OQHA at the All American Quarter Horse Congress.

#### **RULES OF ORDER**

Rules of order contain only the rules relating to the orderly transaction of the business in the meetings of the society, notice of all proposed amendments shall be given to the secretary sixty (60) days in advance of any annual or general meeting and they shall be included in the notice calling such meeting otherwise the association shall have no power to deal with

same.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Business will be conducted by the President according to the Roberts Rules of Order, or the following

- (a) call to order and reading of notice of meeting
- (b) identification of Members, establish quorum
- (c) reading of minutes of previous meetings
- (d) treasurers report
- (e) reports of officers, Directors and committees
- (f) Past Presidents/Nominating Committee
- (g) correspondence
- (h) unfinished business
- (i) President's report
- (j) new business
- (k) election of Directors
- (l) appointment of auditor
- (m) adjournment

### **Quorum**

Directors meetings will be 50% of the elected Directors. Membership meetings, a minimum of twenty-five (25) eligible voting Members.

### **Voting**

Membership meetings, all life Members are entitled to one (1) vote.

All individual membership are entitled to one (1) vote.

Family membership, only one (1) vote per family.

Commercial membership no vote.

Voting procedure, straight majority by show of hands, or secret ballot if duly demanded in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

### **Types of Membership**

**(a) Honorary Member** - the honorary Members shall be entitled to notice of Members of the Company; they shall be entitled to one (1) vote per Member at all meeting of the Members of the Company; they shall not participate in any distribution of the property of the Company upon the dissolution of the Company and they shall not be required to pay any membership fees or dues. The length of an honorary membership shall be determined prior to the giving by a two thirds majority decision of the Directors. Honorary Member - recommended by the Board and approved by general membership.

**(b) Life Member** - the life Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote per Member at all meetings of the Members of the Company; they shall be entitled to participate equally with the individual Members in any distribution of the property of the Company upon the dissolution of the Company; and they shall pay a fee determined by the Board of Directors on admission to membership but shall not be required to pay any further

fees or dues.

**(c) Individual Member** - the individual Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote per Member at all meetings of the Company; they shall be entitled to participate equally with the life Members in any distribution of the property of the Company upon the dissolution of the Company; and they shall pay annual membership dues in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws of the Company in that behalf from time to time in force.

Individual Members shall also be those individuals in a partnership or Company, who pay the prescribed annual membership fee.

Each individual Member of a partnership or Company must hold a membership in the Ontario Quarter Horse Association Inc. (be it through an individual, or life membership) to be entitled to full privileges.

**(d) Family membership** - the family membership shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Company except that this membership shall be entitled to one (1) vote only. With the exception of a spouse a person cannot harbour under a family membership upon attaining his/or her nineteenth (19) birthday.

**(e) Life Family Membership**- this membership entitles the holder to the same privileges and restrictions as the family membership except for life.

**(f) Commercial Membership** - any person or persons or Company who is not involved in breeding, showing, or training quarter horses.

Commercial Members are entitled to all privileges except they have no voting power nor can they hold office.

#### **EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS**

**Cheques** - all cheques, drafts or money orders for the payment of money and all notes and acceptance and bills of exchange shall be signed by such officer or officers or person or persons whether or not officers of the Company. And in such manner as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate, provided however the Board of Directors must appoint the treasurer, as one of the signing officers.

**Other Documents** - contracts, documents or any instruments in writing requiring the signature of the Company may be signed by the President, 1st Vice-President, and Vice-President, general manager or manager, and instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon the Company without any further authorization or formality. The Board of Directors may from time to time by resolution appoint any officer or officers, person or persons, on behalf of the Company either to sign contracts, documents and instruments in writing.

The corporate seal of the Company when required may be affixed to contracts, documents and instruments in writing signed as aforesaid or signed by any officer or offices, person or persons, appointed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

The term contracts, documents, and instruments in writing as used here in

shall include deeds, mortgages, hypothecs, charges, and discharges for the payment of money or other obligations, conveyances, transfers and assignments of shares, stocks, bonds, debentures or other securities and all paper writings.

**Fiscal Year-** the fiscal year of the Company shall terminate on the thirty-first day of December in each year.

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

(a) Honorary Member Recommended by the Board and approved by general membership.

(b) Life Member \$450.00

(c) Individual Member \$50.00

(d) Family Member \$60.00

(e) Life Family Member \$575.00

(f) Commercial Member \$107.00

Renewal Memberships will be charged a \$10.00 penalty for payment of memberships after April 1st. All fees include G.S.T.

**ALL FEES MAY BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND CHANGE AT ANY TIME BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

The above membership fees shall be due and payable on the 1st of January each year. Notice of fees payable shall be sent to all Members at their last known address not less than 30 days prior to the end of the calendar year.

### **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Application of Membership shall be in writing. Each applicant on becoming a Member, shall agree to be bound by the By-Laws and all rules and regulations of the Company (including Committees). The Company shall have the power to reject any application for Membership.

### **MEETING OF MEMBERS**

**ANNUAL MEETINGS** - The Annual Meeting of Members shall be held at the Head Office or elsewhere in Ontario on such a day in each year as the Board of Directors or the President may from time to time determine.

**SPECIAL MEETINGS** - Other General Meetings of the Members may be convened by order of the President or 1st Vice-President or 2nd Vice-President or by the Board of Directors at any time and at any place in Ontario.

**WITH NOTICE AND WITHOUT NOTICE** - Notice of the time and place of any Meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted shall be mailed to each Member entitled to vote at the Meeting, and to the auditor of the Company at his last known post-office address at least ten days before the date of the Meeting, provided always that Meetings of Members either annual or general may be held at any time and place in Ontario without notice if all the Members entitled to notice

are present and at such Meetings any business may be transacted which the Company may transact at annual or general Meetings. In the event of the Company publishing an official newsletter or magazine a notice published therein (and mailed ten (10) days prior to such meeting) shall be deemed to be sufficient notice.

**WAIVER** - Notice of any irregularity in the notice thereof may be waived by any Member, and such waiver may be given by written or verbal communication.

### **STANDING RULES**

Contain only such rules as are subject to the will of the majority of any meeting, and which it may be expedient to change at anytime, without the delay incident to giving previous notice.

### **SHOW AND CONTEST**

#### **REGULAR DIVISION**

Only horses registered with the American Quarter Horse Association in the numbered (including permanent) tentative and appendix (both old and new) section so the stud books are eligible to compete in approved shows or contests. The exhibitor must be able to prove that the horse is properly registered with the A.Q.H.A. by presenting the registration certificate to the show management at the time of entry. The Ontario Quarter Horse Association requires Membership of owner and rider before points for year-end can be accumulated.

Each show must have a minimum of four halter classes for stallions, four halter classes for mares and four halter classes for geldings, i.e. Yearling Stallions, Two-Year-Old Stallions, Three Year Old Stallions, and Aged Stallions.

Classes offered in the Regular Division may be any A.Q.H.A. Approved Open Events. Each one of the performance classes may be split into two sections of Junior (5 years and under), and Senior (older than 5 years).

**Duties of the Show Secretary:** within 14 days from the last date of your show circuit, the following must be submitted to the O.Q.H.A. Office: disk for publication (P) from Horse Show program under "Reports"; Show summary counts sheet (H) from Horse show program under "Reports" in class order; Copy of All Arouns and Grands and Reserves; Drug fee money; to O.Q.H.A. Points Secretary - hard copy of results (in class order) for Ontario and for the Area Clubs approving the show for points. If the required documents and drug monies are not sent to the O.Q.H.A. Office within the 14 day time allotment, a fine of \$100.00 will be levied to the Show Secretary.

#### **AMATEUR DIVISION**

Every rider competing in an Amateur Class must possess an Amateur Card issued by the American Quarter Horse Association. Show management must inspect this card at any show entered. Application for an

Amateur Card shall be made on a form provided by the A Q.H.A and available at no charge. This application must be endorsed by two active Members of the American Quarter Horse Association who are not Members of the applicant's family. There shall be an annual \$15.00 charge for said card. Classes offered in the Amateur Division may be any O.Q.H.A. Approved Amateur Classes.

#### **GENERAL**

Rules of the A Q.H.A. and O.Q.H.A. will be followed for show approval. A.Q.H.A. Hand Book will be followed as a governing body. O.Q.H.A. rules shall apply where applicable such as:

1. A judge can only officiate at one show in Ontario during one calendar year including the Ontario Breeders Futurity, except that a judge may judge two shows in Ontario only if the two shows are on consecutive days and the judge does not judge a particular class but one time during the two shows.
2. A judge cannot officiate at the same show he/she judged the previous year. .
3. Because a show is A.Q.H.A. approved, does not mean that it will automatically be approved for O.Q.H.A. points. O.Q.H.A. approval is given only when a copy of A Q.H.A. forms are presented sixty (60) days prior to show date and the necessary approval fee is paid.
4. O.Q.H.A may approve of shows in Ontario from January 1st to Thanksgiving weekend inclusive if applied for.
5. O.Q.H.A. will not give show approval unless a show is A.Q.H.A. approved.

#### **TROPHY RULES REVISED FOR 2008**

1. Only horses owned by a member of O.Q.H.A. entered and shown in Ontario shows, approved by A Q.H.A. and recognized by O.Q.H.A. shall earn points and awards towards the annual year-end awards. Points shall not count until proven to be in the name of O.Q.H.A. owner. Points count from date of membership.
2. Recognized owner will be the last name appearing on the registration papers.
3. To accumulate points for year end awards, both owner and exhibitor must be a member of O.Q.H.A. Inc.
4. All members of a partnership must be members of O.Q.H.A. to accumulate points.
5. There will be only two (2) places in each division: (a) High Point and (b) Reserve High Point.
6. To be eligible for (item 5) you must accumulate a minimum of 25 points. Any member who places first (1st) or second (2nd) in any division (and not eligible under item 6) accumulating a minimum of 15 points, will receive an award of merit.
7. Any member who places first (1st) or second (2nd) in any division (and

not eligible under item 6) accumulating a minimum of 15 points will receive an award of merit.

8. Listed below is the basis for the points system.

No. In Class 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th

1 1

2 2 1

3 3 2 1

4 4 3 2 1

5 5 4 3 2 1

6 6 5 4 3 2 1

7 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

8 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

9 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

The Grand Champion will receive one (1) more point than the Reserve Champion.

The Reserve Champion will receive one (1) more point than any other horses one year of age or older in its sex division.

#### **ALL YEAR END AWARDS (Including Open, Youth & Amateur)**

Year end awards will be calculated on the best 30 shows

in each event. In the event of a tie, it will go on to the 31st and 32nd show etc. until the tie is broken.

#### **HIGH POINT AWARDS**

There will be a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion (Halter) for Stallion, Mare, and Gelding.

High Point Performance Champion and

Reserve High Point Performance Champion

Points must be earned in a minimum of two (2) classes.

#### **OQHA - CHALLENGE TROPHY & RESERVE**

Points will be calculated in Halter & Performance, with a minimum of 25 points accumulated in Halter and 25 points accumulated in two (2) or more Performance events.

#### **AMATEUR DIVISION**

1. Amateur points will be accumulated on a one horse, one rider basis.

2. Amateur must be a member of the Ontario Amateur Quarter Horse Assoc. and OQHA Inc.

3. The point system will be as listed for the open division (rule 8).

4. There will be only two places (2) in each class.

A - High Point, B - Reserve High Point.

5. To be eligible for class awards, you must accumulate a minimum of 25 points.

6. Any member accumulating a minimum of 15 points (and not eligible under item 5) will receive an award of merit.

of merit

#### **HIGH POINT AWARDS**

There will be a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion (Halter) for Amateur Stallion, Amateur Mare, and Amateur Gelding. All Around Amateur Champion and Reserve All Around Amateur Champion.

Must accumulate a minimum of 15 points in (3) categories.

One of these categories must be Halter. Categories as per the current year's A.Q.H.A. Official Handbook Rule (417).

All Around Amateur Select 50 & Over Champion and Reserve All Around Amateur Select 50 & Over Champion.

To be given to the horse and select amateur who accumulates the most points in the amateur select division.

All Around Novice Amateur Champion and Reserve All Around Novice Amateur Champion.

To be given to the horse and novice amateur who accumulates the most points in the Novice Division.

### **YOUTH DIVISION**

In order to receive youth points, the youth must be a member of the Ontario Quarter Horse Youth Association and the OQHA Inc., either through a family membership or an individual membership.

There will be a first (1st) and second (2nd) place in all youth classes.

There is no required number of shows.

There will be no monetary awards in any youth class.

This includes High Point & Reserve High Point Awards.

### **HIGH POINT AWARDS**

All Around & Reserve - 13 & Under

All Around & Reserve - 14 to 18

All Around & Reserve Novice Youth

High Point Speed Events

Points to count are listed below:

No. in class 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th

1 1

2 2 1

3 3 2 1

4 4 3 2 1

5 5 4 3 2 1

6 6 5 4 3 2 1

7 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

8 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

9 & over 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

### **CHAMPION AWARDS ~OPEN, AMATEUR & YOUTH CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

A horse must have won at least 75 points in one performance event or halter event.

## **OQHA CHAMPION**

A horse must win 175 points in competition with a minimum of 75 points earned in halter and a minimum of 75 points earned in performance with a minimum of 25 points having been earned in each of at least two categories of performance events.

## **SUPERIOR EVENT HORSE**

A horse may receive this title for each separate event in which it has earned 250 points.

## **OQHA SUPREME CHAMPION**

A horse must win five (5) Certificate of Merits to be a Supreme Champion. One of these certificates must be in Halter. The balance of points to be earned in two or more categories.

### **Rules to Apply**

1. To accumulate points, the owner must be a member of OQHA either individual or family. Only horses entered and shown in Ontario shows approved by AQHA & OQHA shall earn points towards these awards.
2. Owner & exhibitor must both be members of OQHA.
3. Points shall not count until proven to be in the name of the Ontario member. Recognized owner shall be the last name appearing on the registration papers at the time of showing the horse.
4. Members of a partnership must each be a member of OQHA to accumulate points.
5. To receive Youth awards, the youth must also be a member of the Ontario Quarter Horse Youth Association. There is a minimum of fifteen (15) points required to place first or second in a class. Awards to be given in three divisions - All Around and Reserve 13 and Under - All Around and Reserve 14 Thru 18 - High Point and Reserve High Point Novice Youth.
6. To receive Amateur awards, the amateur must also be a member of the Ontario Amateur Quarter Horse Association.
7. In Youth & Amateur, points are compiled on a one-horse one-amateur/youth basis and awarded on the same basis used in the open division.

### **Categories**

1. Halter
2. Showmanship; Horsemanship; Hunt Seat Equitation
3. Reining; Western Riding; Working Cow horse; Trail
4. Barrel Race; Pole Bending; Stake Race (youth)
5. Jumping; Working Hunter; Hunter Hack
6. Western Pleasure; Hunter Under Saddle; Pleasure Driving
7. Calf Roping; Cutting
8. Lead Line - 7 & under; Walk Jog -11 - under
- 9 Yearling Longe Line

## **O.Q.H.A. SHOW AND CONTEST**

Rules for the classes of lead line and walk and jog. To receive points towards year-end awards these rules must be adhered to.

\*\*\*\*\*HAVE YOUR JUDGE READ THESE RULES SO THAT HE/SHE UNDERSTANDS WHAT IS TO BE JUDGED IN THESE TWO CLASSES

**GENERAL RULES:**

1. A contestant will be judged on horsemanship or equitation, as per the current A.Q.H.A Handbook.
2. A contestant may show in either Western or English attire per current A.Q.H.A. Handbook.
3. Points are accumulated by the rider not the horse and will be calculate-ed per the youth point system and shall be placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. A contestant may only receive a year-end award in either Lead Line or in Walk and Job but, not both.
4. A show cannot offer a Lead Line class without a Walk and Jog class nor can a show offer a Walk and Jog class without a Lead Line class.
5. A contestant entering Lead Line or Walk and Jog may not enter any other class with the exception of Youth Halter and Youth and Novice Youth Showmanship at the show.
6. A contestant must have his or her feet in the stirrups and the stirrups must be securely attached to the saddle.
7. A contestant may not ride a stallion in a Lead Line nor a Walk and Jog class.
8. A contestant may enter either a Lead Line or a Walk and Jog class but not both.
9. The horse used in the Lead Line or Walk and Jog class does not have to owned by a contestant nor his or her family.
10. A contestant cannot be tied, buckled, or fastened in the saddle in any manner or by any means during competition.
11. A hard hat may be worn.
12. These classes must be advertised on the show's show bill and must be applied for when applying for O.Q.H.A. point approval.
13. A contestant may return to a lower level of competition; but, only under the conditions set out for Lead Line by Lead Line Rule #6 and only under the conditions set out for Walk and Jog by Walk and Jog Rule #5.

**Lead Line Equitation/Horsemanship Rules:**

1. The age for a Lead Line participant is to be 7 years and under, as of January 1st of the show year.
2. In Lead Line the horse must be led by a lead shank attached to a halter that is under a bridle, headstall or bosal.
3. Lead Line classes will be performed in both directions at a walk only. A backup when in line is optional.
4. Once a contestant has graduated to Walk and Jog during an O.Q.H.A.

show year, he/she can not return to Lead Line. Graduation is deemed to have taken place once the contestant has placed first in a Walk and Jog class. The only exception being Lead Line Rule #5 and General Rule #5.

5. A contestant that graduates to Walk and Jog from Lead Line; per Lead Line Rule #4, their Lead Line points towards the Lead Line Year End Award will stop being accumulated and Walk and Jog Year End Award Points will now start being accumulated. If for any reason the contestant wishes to return to Lead Line from Walk and Jog the contestant may do so, however, no points towards the Lead Line Year End Award will be accumulated and the contestant's Walk and Jog Year End Award points will be frozen until the contestant returns to Walk and Jog and at that time Walk and Jog Year End Award points will start to be accumulated again.

**Walk, Jog/Trot Equitation/Horsemanship Rules:**

1. The age for a Walk and Jog participant is to be 11 years and under, as of January 1st of the show year.
2. Walk, Jog/Trot Equitation/Horsemanship will be preformed in both directions at the two gates of a walk and a jog/trot only. A backup when in line is required.
3. Once a contestant has graduated to Youth or Novice Youth during an O.Q.H.A. show year, he/she cannot return to Walk and Jog. Graduation is deemed to have taken place once the contestant has placed first in a youth class with the exception being Walk and Jog Rule #4 and General Rule #5. However, there will be no points accumulated towards that year's Walk and Jog Year End Award.
4. A contestant that graduates to Youth or Novice from Walk and Jog; per Walk and Jog Rule #3, their Walk and Jog points towards the Walk and Jog Year End Award will stop being accumulated and Youth and Novice Year End Award points will now start being accumulated. If for any reason the contestant wishes to return to Walk and Jog from Youth and Novice Youth the contestant may do so, however, no points towards the Walk and Jog Year End Award will be accumulated and the contestant's Youth and Novice Youth points towards Year End Awards will be frozen, except for General Rule #5, until the contestant returns to Youth or Novice Youth and at that time Youth and Novice Youth Year End Awards points will start to be accumulated again.

**LONGE LINE RULES**

"IT IS MANDATORY THAT THE YEARLING LONGE LINE CLASS NOT BE HELD PRIOR TO JULY 1, A TWO YEAR OLD LONGE CLASS MAY BE HELD UP TO JUNE 30." THE YEARLING LONGE LINE CLASS WAS DEVELOPED TO GIVE BREEDERS AND OWN-ERS OF PRETTY MOVING, PERFORMANCE-ORIENTED YEAR-LINGS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THEM AS PERFORMANCE PROSPECTS. THE LONGE LINE CLASS IS CONSIDERED A PER-FORMANCE

EVENT AND THE CLASS IS TO BE JUDGED ON WAY OF GOING AND ATTITUDE AS SUITABLE FOR A PLEASURE HORSE.

**The Rules of the Class are as follows:**

(as per the "Longe Line Class" rules as printed in the current year's NSBA Handbook).

**129. PURPOSE**

The purpose of showing a yearling on a longe line is to demonstrate that the horse has the movement, manners/expression/attitude, and conformation to become competitive under saddle. Therefore, the purpose of this class is to reward:

- A) Quality of Movement,
- B) Manners/Expression/Attitude,
- C) Conformation suitable to future performance

And the horse should be judged with its suitability as a future performer under saddle in mind. This class should define what it means to be a "western pleasure prospect" or "hunter under saddle prospect." Because these are yearlings, they are not expected to demonstrate the behaviour or quality of a finished show horse, but only that performance necessary for a reasonable presentation to the judge.

**130. CLASS FORMAT**

The class will consist of two parts: (1) a longeing demonstration lasting one and one-half minutes (90 seconds) and (2) a conformation inspection.

- A) Show Management may provide a 5-minute warm-up period for all exhibitors as stated in Rule #76 of the NSBA Handbook.
- B) The use of a scribe for each judge is mandatory.
- C) The longeing demonstration will begin at the sound of a whistle or other audible indicator when the horse has reached the perimeter of its circle. Time will not begin until the horse reaches this perimeter. When the "begin" signal is given, the exhibitor will be allowed 1 and 1/2 minutes (90 seconds) to present the horse at all three gaits in both directions. At the end of 1 1/2 minutes, the signal will be given to signify the end of the demonstration. Show management has the option of adding a "half-way" signal if they choose.
- D) The conformation inspection will occur prior to the longeing demonstration. Each entry will be walked into the arena to the judge and pause for evaluation individually. The will then trot off straight and around a cone and take a place on the wall inside the arena. All entries will be inspected in this fashion and as the "trot-off" is administered, horse showing evidence of lameness should be excused from the class at that time. An example of the confirmation pattern is illustrated in Figure #1 in this handbook.
- E) It is recommended that longe line classes be shown in splits of no more than 15 horses at a time. Larger classes may also offer a finalists' go-round before the class is placed.

F) Turnaround at the walk to take the second direction of the pattern may be considered as fulfilling the walk requirement of the second direction portion of the scoring format.

**131.** It is recommended that classes for the Non-Pro and the Open divisions be held separately. It is also recommended the Non-Pro division be held PRIOR to the Open class.

Western and English horses may be combined in each division at the discretion of show management. If possible, it is recommended that the Non-Pro and the Open events be offered on separate days.

It is suggested that all yearling longe line classes be held in a one go format only.

### **EQUIPMENT**

**132.** Horses are to be shown in a halter. Either a regular or show type halter is acceptable.

A) For the longeing demonstration, the only attachment allowed to the halter is the longe line. The Longe line may not exceed 30 feet in length with a snap attached to the halter. The longe line must hang free from the halter without touching any part of the horse. It is permissible to use a longe whip however, disqualification will occur if the exhibitor blatantly strikes the horse with the whip to cause forward or lateral movement at any time during the demonstration.

B) No other equipment is allowed on the horse during the class. Mechanical or retractable longe lines are not allowed.

C) For the conformation inspection, a lead shank, such as used in halter or showmanship classes may be exchanged for the longe line prior to the longeing demonstration.

D) Exhibitors are not to be penalized for using regular halters and plain longe lines, nor are they to be rewarded for using show halters and show longe lines. Only movement, manners/expression/way of going, and conformation are being judged. The type of equipment used

is not to be a consideration in placing the horse as long as the equipment meets the requirements stated above.

### **ATTIRE**

**133.** Conventional Western attire is mandatory; except if a prospect is considered to be a Hunter prospect then conventional English attire is suggested. The type of attire worn by the

exhibitor is not to be a consideration in placing the horse as long as the attire meets the requirements stated above.

\*\*\* put Figure 1 here:

Pattern for Conformation Inspection and Trot-off Soundness from page 44 March 2006 OQHA

News.

### **GAITS**

**134.** Gaits are to be judged according to the NSBA rules for Gaits for Western Pleasure and Hunter Under Saddle classes.

### **CONFORMATION & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

**135.** Each horse is to be inspected by the judge on conformation, proper equipment and for evidence of abuse, inhumane treatment, or violation of NSBA rules. Horses will not be allowed to show in illegal equipment or if there is evidence of abuse, of inhumane treatment, or of rule violations as mentioned in Rule #64 - 70, and Rule #83. It is mandatory that a "trot-off" be administered by the judge in the conformation portion of the class prior to longeing. Horses that show evidence of lameness will be excused prior to the longeing demonstration.

### **JUDGING**

See also rule #91 - 104, A-General #105, and 108 D & E.

**136.** Judge(s) will be outside the longeing circle. The exhibitor will enter the arena and await the audible start signal. When the signal is given, the exhibitor will be allowed 1 1/2 minutes (90 seconds) to present the horse. At the end of the 1 1/2 minutes, a signal will be given again to signify the end of the demonstration. Show management has the option of adding a "half-way" signal if they choose. (The signal may be a bell, whistle or announcement.)

**137.** The horse will be scored at all three gaits in both directions. Western Pleasure prospects are to show at the walk, jog, and lope. Hunter Under Saddle prospects are to show at the walk, trot and canter. Any horse that does not exhibit these gaits in each direction will be disqualified from the class. Additionally, judges shall immediately excuse any horse who exhibits obvious lameness at any time during the class. (See scoring.)

Exhibitors may begin work in the direction of their choice (counter or clockwise).

**138.** At the end of the 1 1/2 minutes, the signal will be given and the exhibitor shall at the request of show management, retire from the longeing area to the far end of the ring. The horses are to stand quietly on the wall while the other exhibitors present their horses.

**139.** The horses are to be judged on movement (80 points), Manner/Expression/Attitude (10 points), Conformation (20 points) suitable to their purpose and use of circle (3 points).

Judges should judge the movement of the horse as defined in the NSBA rules for gaits.

**140.** If the horse is playing on the longe line, it shall not count against the horse.

The judge will, however, penalize the horse for excessive bucking, or running off, stumbling,

or displaying attitudes that are uncomplimentary to pleasure horses. Falling down will constitute disqualification. (see Scoring and Manners/Expression/Attitude #147).

**141.** Exhibitors are encouraged to exhibit their horse making full use of a 25' radius circle, as they will be scored on this. (See Scoring.)

**142.** An exhibitor may only show one horse in each longe line class. The same exhibitor must show both segments of the class.

**143.** The conformation inspection will occur as the horse is walked into the arena prior

to the longeing demonstration at which the judge will evaluate the horse for conformation suitable for future under saddle performance. Refer to section D of Rule #130.

The judge may not discriminate for or against muscling, but rather look for a total picture, emphasizing balance, structural correctness, and athletic capability.

### **SCORING**

**144.** Movement will count for 80 points of the total score. Judges are to evaluate movement

based on the gait descriptions found in Rule #112.

A) Walk. The walk will be scored on a scale of 0- 4 in each direction, with 2 being average. The horse must be walked long enough for the judge to have sufficient time to evaluate

and score the walk. The change of direction turnaround at the walk may count for the second

walk score on the official score sheet. Lower gait scores should reflect stumbling in the gait. (See

Rule 147 for rewarding or penalizing use of the circle.)

B) Jog or Trot. The jog/trot will be scored on a scale of 0 - 16 in each direction, with 8 being average. Using a 25' radius, the horse should jog or trot a minimum of 1/2 circle both directions of the ring. Lower gait scores should reflect stumbling in the gait. (See Rule 147 for rewarding or penalizing use of the circle.)

C) Lope or Canter. The lope/canter will be scored on a scale of 0 - 20 in each direction, with

10 being average. Using a 25' radius, the horse should lope or canter a minimum of one full circle both directions of the ring. Furthermore, any entry that fails to demonstrate the correct lead for one full circle will not place over another entry that has demonstrated the

correct lead in its entirety. Lower gait scores should reflect stumbling in the gait. (See Rule 147 for rewarding or penalizing use of the circle.)

D) Use of Circle. Scores for all gaits in both directions should reflect positive, consistent use of the 25' radius of the circle. Extra credit will be given for full, extended use of the circle on a slightly loose line. Lower gait scores should reflect lack of full use of the circle. (See Rule 147 for rewarding or penalizing use of the circle.)

**147.** Manners/Expression/Attitude will count for up to 10 points of the total score.

The horse will be judged on manners, expression, and attitude on a scale of 0 - 10, with 5 being average. Horses will be penalized for obvious signs of overwork and sourness such as

ear-pinning, head-throwing, striking, tail-wringing, or a dull, lethargic manner of going. They will also be penalized for dangerous behaviour such as excessive bucking, cutting into

the circle, or running off. Additionally, incidentals touching the horse with the whip, cross-cantering, balking, backing up on the longe line and excessive urging from the exhibitor should be penalized accordingly.

**148.** Conformation will count for up to 20 points of the total score. The horse will be judged on conformation suitable to future performance as a Western Pleasure or Hunter Under

Saddle competitor. The judges should look for a total picture, emphasizing balance, structural correctness, and athletic capability. Performance conformation will be judged on a scale of 0 - 20, with 10 being average.

**149.** Use of the circle. Consideration will be given to how well or how poorly the horse/exhibitor team uses the 25' radius of the longeing circle. A separate box on the scorecard

is available to indicate an overall score (from 0-3 points) for use of the circle.

Circle scores: As described earlier, the NSBA has determined that a 25' radius is the appropriate size of circle in which to show a longe liner. It is the judge's responsibility to evaluate the circles and incorporate use of the circle in the gait scores based on the following scale:

+3 points (Good to Excellent use of the circle).

Horse consistently stays on the perimeter of the circle with slight looseness in the line. Horse turns around on the circle perimeter.

+2 points (Average use of the circle).

Horse is only slightly inconsistent in using the 25' radius of the circle.

+1 point (Adequate use of the circle).

Horse is shown in a circle radius of less than 25'.

0 points (General use of the circle).

Potentially dangerous slack in the line. Horse pulls exhibitor out of the circle.

**150.** Other scoring considerations: This class should be looked upon as a class that defines what it means to be a "pleasure prospect" or "hunter prospect" suitable to become

a future performer under saddle. Therefore, attitudes and attributes that contribute to becoming a future performer will be rewarded within the gait scores. Higher gait scores will

reflect:

Above average to exceptional manners, expression, alertness, responsiveness, and pleasant attitude.

Above average to exceptionally smooth transitions between gaits.

Above average to excellent cadence and consistency at all three gaits.

**151.** Penalties and disqualifications:

a) Five (5) - point penalties:

Failure to demonstrate the correct lead, jog or trot for an adequate distance to allow for proper evaluation of gait.

b) Disqualification will occur in the following instances:

Evidence of lameness - judge will immediately excuse horse from the arena

Blatant striking horse with the whip during the longeing demonstration that will cause forward or lateral movement

Horse falls - A horse is considered to have fallen when it is on its side and all four

legs are extended in the same direction

Horse steps over or becomes entangled in the longe line

Violation of Rule #132 (improper equipment, evidence of abuse, or other violation of NSBA rules)

Failure to show at all three gaits in both directions

Loss of control of the horse to the point that the horse is loose in the arena

Exhibitor disrespect towards the judge(s)

### **O.Q.H.A. INCENTIVE FUND**

A total of fifteen classes will be offered in each of three divisions: Youth (Includes 6 Novice Youth Classes): Amateur (Includes 3 Novice Amateur Classes and 3 Select Amateur Classes) and Open. ADDED MONEY will be added equally to each division. Added Money will be split evenly to the classes receiving entries. (e.g. If entries are received in only 12 out of 15 classes, Added Money for that division will be divided by 12 instead of 15.) All entry fees for that class plus the added money will be divided by the total points earned by those entered in the incentive fund for that particular class. (e.g. 5 entries at \$25.00 plus added money of \$100.00. Total Incentive fund for class \$225.00 + number of points earned. If 175 points earned in total by exhibitors entered, each point would be paid back as \$1.28. If one exhibitor had 50 points, they would be paid 50 @ \$1.28 = \$64.00; another exhibitor had 32 points which would be paid 32 @ \$1.28 = \$40.96; another exhibitor had 25 points would be paid 25 @ \$1.28 = \$32.00 etc.) All Points will be Ontario Points earned at O.Q.H.A. approved shows on or after date of entry into Incentive Fund. O.Q.H.A. points are based on the O.Q.H.A. point system. All standings will be determined by O.Q.H.A. rules. All entries will receive payback cheques as long as they have accumulated more than \$5.00. At the end of the year, the added money for each division will be divided evenly within the division to the classes which have been entered. Entry Fees and added money will be paid back on a per share per point basis. Points earned prior to the date of entry will NOT receive INCENTIVE MONEY.

### **ONTARIO QUARTER HORSE**

#### **BREEDERS FUTURITY**

RULES, ENTRY & PAYBACK INFORMATION APPROVED BY:  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF O.Q.H.A.

Payout Calculations - Graduated Scale on Share Basis

NO REFUND FOR STALLS.

ALL MONIES FOR STALLS NOT OCCUPIED BY PERSON

RESERVING STALLS WILL REVERT TO THE O.Q.H.B.F. TO PURCHASE  
BREEDINGS THROUGH THE O.Q.H.B.F. STALLION

SALE - PURCHASER MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF O.Q.H.A.

Must be a current member of the Ontario Quarter Horse Association.

Inc. at time of entry or entries will be void.

## **STALLION RULES**

If a mare was not bred to a donated & sold stallion, each foal will have to pay an entrance fee of \$400.00 plus mare and foal nomination to be eligible to enter the Weanling Division of the current Futurity year.

Stallion owners whose service has sold and are also the owners of the dams of foals they wish to enter, will receive the 1<sup>st</sup> mare & foal entry free. They must pay for the next 3 mare & foal entries. Any remaining mare & foal entries will be free. Example: If a stallion owner enters 5 mare & foal nominations, they will pay for 3 and get 2 free.

## **ONTARIO BREEDERS FUTURITY RULES,**

### **ENTRY & PAYBACK INFORMATION**

All foals must be the produce of stallions and mares nominated in the Ontario Quarter Horse Breeders Futurity and be eligible for AQHA registration. In order to be shown in the futurity, all foals must have been entered, not necessarily shown, in the weanling division.

**\*\*\* NOTE applying to 2008 ONLY\*\*\***

Until April 1, 2008 any OQHA member may purchase a ONE (1) TIME BUY IN for any 2006 or 2007 foal produced by any stallion or mare. The one time buy in for a 2007 foal is \$250.00 plus applicable 2008 entry fee. For 2006 foals one time buy in shall be \$350.00 plus applicable 2008 entry fee. This offer becomes void after April 1<sup>st</sup> 2008.

The Futurity will be shown in four divisions: Weanlings, Yearlings, Two-Year-Olds, and Three-Year-Olds. The weanlings will be shown in two classes - Weanling Geldings to be shown in Weanling Stallion Class -Stallions & Fillies, each divided into a Junior & Senior division.

Yearlings and 2 Year Olds will be shown in three sections - Stallions, Fillies, and Geldings. Yearlings are also offered a Longe Line Class. Two Year Olds are also offered a Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure Class and a Hunter Under Saddle Class, plus applicable halter sex divisions. Three Year Old Class Divisions are Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Reining, and applicable halter sex divisions..

### **All entries are subject to random drug testing.**

A fee of \$2.00 will be charged for drug testing and a fee of \$5.00 will be charged for office fee. These fees apply to **ALL** entries.

The Futurity will be shown each year at such a place as may be designated that year. All divisions will be judged by qualified judges and shown under the show and contest rules and regulations from the official handbook of the A.Q.H.A. except where otherwise specified. All entries are subject to random Drug Testing.

Acceptance of any entry entails that the appropriate monies and forms be in the hand of the Secretary by the appointed date. Or, they will be post marked in the post office by the appointed date. No metered mail will be accepted.

All owners, handlers, and riders **MUST** be paid up members for the current year of the Ontario Quarter Horse Association at time of entry for each year the horse is shown.

Any donated stallion services sold will entitle the stallion owner to one free mare and foal nomination to be stated on entry when submitted. They must pay for the next 3 mare & foal entries. Any remaining mare & foal entries will be free.

**NO REFUNDS FOR STALLS: All monies for stalls not occupied by person reserving stalls will revert to the OQHBF.**

**POINTS TO BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:**

Contestants placing in the top ten will be given a point for each exhibitor placing below them plus one point, not to exceed 10 points for first place. Points are calculated through tenth place. Example: In a class of 10 or more horses, the first place contestant receives 10 points; second gets 9 points, and so on down through tenth place. In a class of four entries, the first place contestant receives four points; second receives 3 points, etc. For tied places, a half point system will be implemented. For example: If two entries were tied for 3rd and 4th, they would receive 7.5 points towards the high point saddle. In the event of a tie for 1st place, the total cash and points will be as per our rules. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS IN ANY DIVISION FOR ANY REASON. REMEMBER! Entries are YOUR responsibility.

If you sell your horse, let the buyer know about your Futurity. ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 15TH OF THE CURRENT YEAR AND UP TO & INCLUDING THE DAY OF THE FUTURITY AT DOUBLE THE FEES DUE ON JULY 15TH.

All Entries must be in the Secretary's hand or in the post office and post-marked on or before the advertised deadlines. METERED MAIL IS NOT CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE POST MARKED.

**NOMINATION OF SIRE AND DAM**

The nomination of the sire is necessary for each year's Weanling entries only. If the sire is DONATED to the Futurity Stallion Service Sale, and SOLD the stallions nomination is automatically paid.

If the stallion service is DONATED AND NOT SOLD to the Futurity Service Sale, an entrance fee of \$400.00 for EACH Weanling entry is necessary. Plus mare and foal nominations.

The owner of the sire has priority for his/her entry if his/her donated stallion did not sell. To nominate a Sire in the Futurity, it is necessary:

1. That the Sire is registered in the AQHA registry or the American Jockey Club
2. That one of the above payment situations have been made.
3. Stallion nominations will be accepted up to April 30th.
4. Stallion services may be purchased up to start of current years futurity.

**THE NOMINATION OF THE DAM** in the Futurity is necessary for each years weanling entry only. To nominate the dam it is necessary:

1. That the dam be registered in the AQHA registry or the American Jockey Club.

2. That the fee of \$30.00 is paid to the Futurity on or before April 1st of the year the foal is born. Post entries will be accepted up to June 15th with an additional penalty of \$50.00. Therefore, the penalty entry will be \$80.00.

### **WEANLING DIVISION**

TO MAKE THE FOAL ELIGIBLE TO SHOW IN THE WEANLING DIVISION of the Futurity, the following conditions must be complied with:

1. The Sire and Dam must be nominated to the Futurity in the year which the foal is born and one or both parents must be registered in the AQHA, with the American Jockey Club being the only other association one of the parents belong to.
2. \$50.00 must be paid to the Futurity on or before JUNE 15th of the year the foal is born.

There will be no refunds for stillborn foals or mares discovered not in a foal. All payments must be made on or before JUNE 15th in order to participate in the current year's Futurity. After June 15th, entries will only be accepted up to JULY 15th with a penalty of \$100.00 per weanling.

Therefore, the penalty weanling entry will be \$150.00. Entries will be accepted after July 15th to day of show at double the fees due on July 15th.

### **PAYBACK**

Total mare nominations, weanling entries, late penalties and stallion nominations. Deduct 25% to be held for operating costs. Deduct 10% to be added in TRUST FUND for their three-year-old year. Add automatic nominations from Stallion Service Sale (\$80.00 for each service sold from prior year). Total all of these figures to be split in two divisions for colts and two divisions for fillies. The prize monies in the two divisions of the colts will be added together and paid on a share basis to be paid to the 10th place in each division. The same to be done for the two divisions of the fillies.

### **YEARLING DIVISION - HALTER**

#### **HALTER & LONGE LINE - Entry Fee \$50.00**

To make a Colt, Filly or Gelding eligible to show in the Yearling division of the Futurity, the following conditions must be complied with:

1. All yearlings must show registration papers. Photocopies must accompany payment and will be retained by the Futurity and kept on file for future reference.
2. The colt, filly or gelding must have been entered (not necessarily shown) in the Weanling Division of the Futurity and all conditions and requirements of the division must have been followed.
3. \$50.00 must be paid to the Futurity on or before June 15th of the yearling year. After June 15th, entries will be accepted up to JULY 15th with an additional penalty

of \$100.00 Therefore, the penalty entry will be \$150.00.

Entries will be accepted after July 15<sup>th</sup> to day of show at double the fees due on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **PAY BACK**

Total yearling entries, added money and late penalties. Deduct 25% for operation costs. Deduct 10% to be added in TRUST FUND for their three-year old year. Divide this figure by the number of entries per class (mares, stallions and geldings). The largest entries per class the higher percentage of prize money, to be paid one placing for every three entered. Minimum number to be paid is three (3).

### **LONGE LINE - RULES**

As per the Longe Line Class rules as printed in the current NSBA Handbook with the exception that an exhibitor may show a maximum of three (3) entries in this class.

### **TWO-YEAR-OLD DIVISION**

**Entry Fee - Halter \$50.00 per class -Performance**

**\$150.00 per class.**

**Effective 2009 - Entry fee for all 2-Year-old classes will be \$100.00.**

To make a colt, filly, or gelding eligible to show in the two year old division of the Futurity, the following conditions must be complied with:

1. All two year olds must show registration papers or copies sent with payment.
2. The colt, filly, or gelding must have been entered (not necessarily shown) in the weanling and yearling divisions of this Futurity and all conditions and requirements must have been fulfilled.
3. \$50.00 must be paid to the Futurity on or before JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> of the two - year old year for Halter, and \$150.00 for Snaffle Bit Pleasure and/or \$150.00 for Hunter Under Saddle.

All payments must be made on or before JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> in order to participate in the current years Futurity. Entries will be accepted up to JULY 15<sup>th</sup> with an additional penalty of \$100.00. Therefore, the entry fee plus penalty will be \$150.00 for Halter or \$250.00 for each performance class.

### **HALTER PAYBACK**

Total two-year-old halter entries and added money. Deduct 25% for operating costs. Deduct 10% to be added in TRUST FUND for their three-year old year. Payback to be one in every three entered. Minimum of three (3).

### **PERFORMANCE PAYBACK**

Total two-year-old Snaffle Bit Pleasure and Hunter Under Saddle entries including penalties and added money. Deduct 25% for operating costs. Deduct 10% to be added in TRUST FUND for three-year-old year. Payback will be one for every 3 entered to a maximum of ten (10). Minimum of three (3) to be paid.

### **THREE-YEAR-OLD DIVISION**

**Entry Fee: \$150.00 per class**

To make a colt, filly, or gelding eligible to show in the three year old division of the Futurity, the following conditions must be complied with:

1. All three year olds must show registration papers or copies sent with payment.
2. The colt, filly, or gelding must have been entered (not necessarily shown) in the Weanling, Yearling and Two Year Old Division either halter or performance of this Futurity and all conditions and requirements of the divisions must have been complied with.
3. An entry fee of \$150.00 per class must be paid to the futurity on or before JUNE 15th of the year the entry becomes a three year old.

All payments must be made on or before JUNE 15th in order to participate in the current years Futurity. After June 15th entries will be accepted up to JULY 15th with an additional penalty of \$100.00. Therefore, the entry fee plus penalty will be \$250.00. Entries will be accepted after July 15th to day of show at double the fees due on July 15th.

#### **PAYBACK**

Total three-year-old entries, added money and late penalties. Deduct 25% for operating costs. Add to this the stallion Service income from their weanling year. Add to this the 10% that has been held in TRUST FUND from their weanling, yearling and two-year-old years. Total will be in the purse. Divide according to the number of entries made in the three Halter classes (Stallions, Mares & Geldings) and three performance classes (Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle and Reining). The three-year-old classes pay one in three entries entered to a maximum of ten (10) places.

#### **4 & 5 YEAR OLD MATURITY CLASSES**

##### **Entry Fee: \$100.00 per class**

To make your horse eligible to show in the 4 & 5 year old Maturity classes, the following conditions must be complied with:

1. Horses must have paid entries (not necessarily shown) in their three year old division in any of the performance classes offered.
2. An entry fee of \$100.00 per class must be paid to the Futurity on or before JUNE 15th.
3. Three classes will be offered: Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle and Reining.

All payments must be made on or before JUNE 15th in order to participate in the current years Futurity. After June 15th entries will be accepted up to JULY 15th with an additional penalty of \$100.00. Therefore, the entry fee plus penalty will be \$200.00 per class. Entries will be accepted after July 15th to day of show at double the fees due on July 15th. **PLEASE NOTE** a minimum number of five (5) entries will be required in order for this class to run as scheduled. If five (5) or more entries are not received this class will be cancelled for that year.

#### **PAYBACK**

Total entry fees and late penalties. Deduct 25% for operating costs.

#### **NON-PRO ELIGIBILITY**

**Entry fee - \$50.00 per class - Halter & Longe Line**

**\$100.00 per class - Hunter Under Saddle & Western Pleasure**

To be eligible to compete in the Non-Pro classes, the following conditions must be complied

with:

1. The horse must be entered in at least one class of the OQHBF.
2. A contestant of any age may compete as long as he/she has not shown, judged, trained or assisted in training a horse (whether or not a registered American Quarter Horse) for remuneration, monetary or otherwise, either directly or indirectly, nor received remuneration for instructing another person in riding, driving, training, or showing a horse for five calendar years previous to Non-Pro application.
3. He/she must not exhibit in Open Classes where horses are owned by any third party, but shall only exhibit horses solely owned by the applicant or the applicant's family (see AQHA rule 403 of the AQHA Handbook).
4. Upon revocation of Non-Pro status because of ineligibility, all earned Non-Pro awards and monies from time of violation of eligibility rules shall be revoked. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure they meet the Non-Pro criteria.

**ALL PERFORMANCE CLASSES**

**(AQHA HANDBOOK PLUS OQHBF RULES AS LISTED)**

All performance classes shall be governed by the rules of the AQHA official handbook. In addition to these rules a contestant shall not use any kind of training device, tack or equipment not permitted by the AQHA while on the show grounds for the duration of the Futurity.

**PRIZE FUND**

The value of the prize fund of the Futurity each year will be the total amount of monies paid in fees, except 25% which will be withheld for operating costs. The stallion service purchases, less 25% and less an additional \$80.00 for the following years nomination fee plus 10% of all weanling, yearling and two year old monies will be held IN TRUST and added to the prize money in the entries Three-Year-Old division.

In Halter and Yearling Longe Line class, one place is paid for every three entered. In the Three Year Old Division, the prize fund includes 10% of the entries from the weanling, yearling and two year old divisions, plus the proceeds of the stallion service sale in the horse's weanling year (that have been held IN TRUST) based on the number of entries per class.

Placings will be one in three entered to a maximum of the (10) places.

Minimum of three (3) places. Weanlings only to be paid to the top 10 placings.

Monies remaining in the Futurity operating account including sponsor-ships after expenses be divided on a share basis on number of horses shown in each of the Yearling and Two Year Old classes with a cap of \$1,500 maximum added monies per class.

**In the event of a tie for first place, the total prize money and points will be shared equally between the two tied placings.**

Exhibitors prize monies will be withheld as long as there are outstanding accounts.

#### **STALLION SERVICE SALES INCOME**

Total the amount of stallion service sales. Deduct 25% for operating costs, including advertising and printing. Deduct \$80.00 for each service sold which is to be added to the TRUST FUND for the automatic nominations to be added to the Weanling Prize Fund for the following year.

Stallion fee payable to the Breeders Futurity for sixty percent (60%) or better. Breeding must be a minimum of \$200.00.

#### **PENALTIES**

Foals who have been nominated to the Futurity and are in arrears no more than one year, may be reinstated by paying double the fees in arrears (\$300.00), plus the current year's fees. There will be no exceptions to this.

In regard to NSF cheques, declined credit cards, and cancelled cheques for entry, a service Charge of \$50.00 will be assessed. NSF cheques and declined credit cards will make the entry null and void. If past the deadline date, all penalties will apply. Exhibitors prize monies will be withheld as long as there are outstanding accounts. A member may be suspended and denied privileges as stated in the OQHA official handbook.

#### **TRANSFERS**

A transfer fee of \$10.00 is to be paid to the Secretary upon change of ownership. The buyer is to be responsible for supplying the transfer in order that the Futurity know the location of all foals.

#### **LIABILITY**

No entry is liable for more than the amount paid in but there will be no return of payment unless the showing of the Futurity is called off in any or all divisions. The right is reserved to reject any entry and to bar any entry from competition for failure to comply with the conditions of the Futurity.

All entries must be in the secretary's hand or in the post office and post-marked by the post office on or before the advertised deadlines.

#### **AWARDS**

##### **FIRST PLACE WINNERS OF WEANLING DIVISION ONLY**

The first place winner in each weanling division, the sire and dam nominations will each receive \$100.00. If the breeding was purchased through the OQHBF Stallion Service Sale, the sire owner will receive \$200.00.

### **SIRE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD**

This award is presented to the stallion owner who has donated and sold a stallion service to the OQHBF Stallion Service Sale.

For this award, points will be calculated the day of the Futurity. The stallion with the highest number of points accumulated by his get will receive the Stallion Award presented and sponsored by the Ontario Quarter Horse Breeders Futurity to the current owner the day of the Futurity. This award will be presented at the OQHA Annual Conference.

### **DAM OF EXCELLENCE AWARD**

For this award, points will be calculated the day of the Futurity. The Dam with the highest number of points accumulated by her produce will receive the Dam of Excellence Award presented and sponsored by the Ontario Quarter Horse Breeders Futurity to the current owner the day of the Futurity. This award will be presented at the OQHA Annual Conference.

### **TROPHY SADDLE**

A trophy saddle will be awarded upon graduation to the horse accumulating the most points under the Breeders Futurity rules. Horses must be entered and shown in at least one Halter and one Performance Class in the horses term of the OQHBF. In the event of a tie, the horse winning the most points in the three-year-old division will be judged the winner. If, however, there is still a tie, the horse will be declared the winner who:

1. earned points in the greatest number of events in the three-year-old year.
2. the horse winning over the greatest number of horses in the three-year-old year.

Saddle to be presented at the OQHA Annual Conference.

3. horses must be entered and shown in at least one Halter and one Performance Class. Yearling Longe Line Class being constituted as a performance class.

### **DAM AND SIRE AWARD**

The sire and dam of the winner of the Trophy Saddle will, if the service was purchased from a donated stallion service through the birth of said horse, will receive an award of \$250.00 each. The owner of the sire and dam at the time of service will receive the award.

### **O.Q.H.A. PROMOTIONAL CLUBS**

Preamble:

The cost and time required for hauling horses is making it more and more difficult for the small horse owner to travel the O.Q.H.A. show circuit.

The Promotional Club concept will offer to all registered Quarter Horse owners the opportunity to show within their area of residence and once again enjoy showing their horses with a minimum of expense and travel time. The O.Q.H.A. formally recognizes the following Promotional Clubs in Ontario:

Area #1 Quarter Horse Promotional Association

O.Q.H.A. Area #2 Promotional Club

O.Q.H.A. Area #3 Promotional Club  
O.Q.H.A. Area #4 Promotional Club  
O.Q.H.A. Area #5 Promotional Club  
O.Q.H.A. Area #6 Promotional Club  
O.Q.H.A. Area #7 Promotional Club

Area boundary lines are to be as established by the current O.Q.H.A. Constitution. All people in joint ownership of a horse must reside in the same promotional club in order to receive year-end awards of that club. Members of Promotional Clubs shall be encouraged to be members of the O.Q.H.A., however, they shall not be required to be members. Directors of Promotional Clubs must be members of the O.Q.H.A. To be recognized, each Promotional club must abide by the Constitution of the O.Q.H.A. (where applicable). Any O.Q.H.A. show may be approved for points by two Promotional Clubs providing approval is granted by both Promotional clubs involved. Each Promotional Club is responsible for acquiring and tabulating its own points. It is recommended that should the exhibitor and/or owner of a horse reside in an area where the Promotional Club is not active with a Year End Awards Program, that they apply to a bordering Promotional Club in order to be eligible to receive year end awards of that club.

**The BOUNDARIES of Areas #1- #7 shall be as described below:**

**Area #1:** the entire southwestern tip of Ontario eastward to Highway #4, Highway #4 from Lake Erie north to Highway #8 northwest along Highway #8 to Lake Huron. The city of London and all addresses therein shall be included in Area #1.

**Area #2:** From the eastern boundary of Area #1, as described above, easterly to Highway #6, from the north boundary of Owen Sound and south to Lake Ontario. All addresses east of Highway #6 will be considered in Area #3 and all addresses west and southeast of Highway #6 will now be considered to be in Area #2. The Queen Elizabeth Way south of Hamilton and easterly encompassing the Niagara Peninsula. The city of Guelph and all addresses therein shall be included in Area #2. The downtown core of Hamilton is now in Area #2.

**Area #3:** From the eastern boundary of Area #2, as described above, easterly to Highway #11 at the northern county line of Muskoka county - following Highway #11 south to Highway #12 to Lake Ontario. The northern boundary shall be the county line of Muskoka.

**Area #4:** The eastern boundary of Area #3, as described above, easterly to Highway #41 from Pembroke south to Highway #2, west on Highway #2 to Highway #49, south on Highway #49 to Highway #33, east on Highway #33 to Lake Ontario. The county of Prince Edward shall be encompassed in Area #4. the northern boundary shall be the north county lines of Muskoka, Haliburton, Hastings and Renfrew Counties,

between Highway #11 and that point where the Renfrew County border angles sharply north to meet the Quebec border.

**Area #5:** The eastern boundary of Area #4, as described above, easterly to the Quebec border. The northern boundary shall be the point formed by the northwest border of Renfrew County on the west and the border of Quebec on the east. The city of Pembroke and all addresses therein shall be included in Area #5.

**Area #6:** The northern portion of Ontario bordered west by Manitoba, west to the communities of Marathon, Longlac and strait North, east by Quebec and south by Lake Huron, Georgian Bay and the northern county lines of Muskoka, Haliburton, Hastings and Renfrew Counties (where Renfrew County line touches the Quebec border above Deep River).

**Area #7:** The Northern portion of Ontario bordered West by Manitoba, East to Marathon, Longlac and strait North, South by Lake Superior and the Ontario, United States border, namely the state of Minnesota.

**NOTE:** Members living in towns or cities located on the boundary lines shall be responsible for informing the membership chairperson of the area in which they reside. Failure to do so shall be considered permission for the membership chairperson to locate that member in either of the areas divided by this boundary line, at his /her discretion.

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#### **O.A.Q.H.A.**

#### **ONTARIO AMATEUR QUARTER**

#### **HORSE ASSOCIATION**

#### **THE CONSTITUTION**

##### **Article I**

Name and purpose

##### **Section I:**

The name of this committee shall be the ONTARIO AMATEUR QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION, here in after referred to as O.A.Q.H.A.

##### **Section II:**

The objectives of this Committee shall be as follows:

- a) to improve and promote the American Quarter Horse Breed;
- b) to develop and improve leadership and community interest and participation of amateur horsemen and horsewomen;
- c) to encourage high moral character, sportsmanship and (clean living) a keen level of competition among its members.

#### **BY-LAWS**

##### **Section III:**

O.A.Q.H.A. shall be governed by the by-laws of the following:

- a) O.Q.H A. by-laws and any amendments thereto; and
- b) A.Q.H A. rules, paragraph 606 and 607 and any amendments thereto.

#### **Section IV:**

The O.A.Q.H.A. is a distinct committee under the guidance of the O.Q.H.A., its parent association, but with responsibility of its own, for its rules, by-laws and funds.

#### **Article II**

#### **Membership and Funds**

##### **Section 1:**

- a) Membership is open to any amateur holding an A Q.H.A. amateur card. The amateur then applies for O.A.Q.H.A. membership card annually, pending approval by the O.Q.H.A. board of directors. They must also be O.Q.H.A. members in good standing.
- b) The O.A.Q.H.A. membership fee shall be submitted to O.Q.H.A. for record-keeping. These membership fees will be remitted to the O.A.Q.H.A. on a regular basis by O.Q.H.A.
- c) All monies received by the O.A.Q.H.A. shall be deposited in such bank or banks, trust company or trust companies as shall be decided by the executive. The O.A.Q.H.A. monies going in or out of such account or account should be signed by the treasurer and one other appointed executive.
- d) Any O.A.Q.H.A. member having a returned bad or doubtful cheque will be notified in writing by registered mail and ten days from the date of notification if nothing has been done, the member will be considered a person in poor standing with the O.A.Q.H.A. and any points accumulated at that point will be dissolved. If the matter does get resolved the member will start all over again, but with no previous points.

#### **Article III**

#### **Organization**

##### **Section 1:**

- a) There shall be a maximum of one director elected Area Six, a maximum of two directors elected from Area One. Two, Four and Five, and three directors from Area Three. Directors shall be elected at an annual general meeting for a term of one year. The directors shall manage the affairs of the O.A.Q.H.A.
- b) The executive committee shall consist of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Elected at the annual general meeting for a term of two years. The immediate past-President shall also be invited to stand on the executive committee.
- c) Executive meetings and/or director's meetings is called by the president, shall be held where the president elects, using his or her discretion. The president votes on matters where a tie occurs only.
- d) A quorum of any meeting of Members, shall consist of at least twenty (20) individuals. A quorum of any meeting of Directors, according to the Roberts Rule of Order (half the elected Directors).
- e) The president of the association may attend all directors meetings of

the parent association.

f) The O.A.Q.H.A. will submit names of current O.Q.H.A. directors from which the president of the O.Q.H.A. will designate the director representing amateurs to O.Q.H.A. Any person or persons on the amateur executive board that does not perform their duties as required can be removed by the amateur president and the O.Q.H.A. Amateur Representative, and the O.Q.H.A. Executive Board.

In addition to the executive committee herein before described, there may be the following sub-committees or other sub-committees deemed necessary:

Education and Clinics Promotion and Publicity

Membership Awards

Newsletter Novice Amateur

Amateur Team

#### **Article IV**

Amateur Team Section 1:

O.Q.H.A. will endeavour to send an amateur Team to an annual Amateur Team Tournament. Qualifying rules for the Team will be endorsed by the general membership at each annual meeting and Published in the next edition of the "OQHA News". In order to be considered for Team membership, the amateur

member must submit a Team Form to the O.Q.H.A.

team co coordinator for that calendar year. Points will not be counted for Team membership until the date the team form is received by the coordinator.

#### **Article V**

Amateur Status Section 1:

If it is brought to the attention of the O.A.Q.H.A. Board of Directors, in writing, that an A.Q.H.A. amateur card holder is ineligible for amateur status as per applicable A Q.H.A. rules, the Board will consider whether or not to support the complaint. The complaint must be supported by physical evidence, and the person making the complaint must identify themselves. If it is determined that there is sufficient doubt as to the eligibility for amateur status, the O.A.Q.H.A. Board of Directors will forward a letter to A.Q.H.A., outlining the pertinent information. and ask-in A.Q.H.A. to investigate the situation with the amateur in question. The person making the complaint will be directed to submit their evidence directly to A.Q.H.A.

#### **TROPHY RULES - AMATEUR AWARDS**

There will be a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion (Halter) for Stallion, Mare, and Gelding.

**ALL AROUND AMATEUR CHAMPION**

**RESERVE ALL AROUND AMATEUR CHAMPION**

Must accumulate a minimum of 15 points in (3) categories. One of these categories must be halter. Categories as per the current year's A.Q.H.A.

Official Handbook.

**ALL AROUND AMATEUR SELECT 50 & OVER CHAMPION**

**RESERVE ALL AROUND SELECT 50 & OVER CHAMPION**

To be given to the horse and Select Amateur 50 & Over who accumulates the most points in the Select Division.

**ALL AROUND AMATEUR NOVICE CHAMPION**

**RESERVE ALL AROUND NOVICE AMATEUR CHAMPION**

To be given to the horse and Novice Amateur who accumulates the most points in the Novice division.

**The point system will be as listed for the open division (rule 8).**

**ONTARIO QUARTER HORSE**

**YOUTH ASSOCIATION**

**THE CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME AND PURPOSE**

**Section I**

The objectives of this constitution is and shall be the Ontario Quarter Horse Youth Association.

**Section II**

The objectives and purposes of the Ontario Quarter Horse Youth Association, hereinafter referred to as the O.Q.H.Y.A., shall be as follows:

- 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 Quarter Horses.
- c) to develop and improve scholarship, leadership, and community interest and participation of young horsemen and horsewomen.
- d) to encourage high moral character, sportsmanship, and clean living among all its members.
- e) to establish a means whereby junior members may work in conjunction with the parent organization, O.Q.H.A. and A.Q.H.A., its structures and functions.

**Section III**

The O.Q.H.Y.A. is a distinct organization under the guidance of the O.Q.H.A., its parent Association, but with the responsibility of its own, for its rules, regulations, and funds.

**BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE II**

**Section I**

Membership is open to any youth described in the A.Q.H.A. rulebook.

**Section II**

In the case of more than one youth member in the family, the membership will be \$10.00 (including A.Q.H.Y.A. membership) for the first

member of the family and \$10.00 for every other member in the family. A \$5.00 and \$5.00 fee will be charged for youth already youth members of the A.Q.H.Y.A.

The money from the membership fees shall be deposited in such banks or trusts, and may be withdrawn as the board of directors may designate.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Section I**

- a) two directors from each area, as in the parent association.
- b) the executive committee shall consist of president, vice-president, secretary, corresponding Vice and treasurer. These shall be decided by vote at the annual Youth Association meeting held prior to the annual parent association banquet. The president shall have the right to choose the secretary.
- c) directors meetings, called by the president, shall be held where the president says, using the discretion considering travel problems. The president votes on matters where a tie occurs.
- d) A quorum of any meeting of Members, shall consist of at least fifteen (15) individuals. A quorum of any meeting of Directors, according to the Roberts Rule of Order (half the elected Directors).
- e) the president or a representative of the association or his/her delegate shall attend any directors meetings of the parent association at the parent association's request.
- f) all youth committee chairmen are to be invited to the directors meetings, to report on committee progress. (no right of vote)
- g) signing authority for all financial transactions shall be that of the O.Q.H.Y.A. treasurer and the O.Q.H.A. youth director. The O.Q.H.Y.A. president must authorize and approve all expenditures prior to payment.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Youth Teams**

Guidelines for the Congress Team are not to be confused as a by-law. The guidelines are established and directed by the Youth Advisor in conjunction with the Youth Director, who sits on the Ontario Quarter Horse Association Board of Directors.

#### **Section I**

- a) The qualifying shows for the Youth teams will be AQHA/OQHA approved shows from the day after the Sunshine Circuit Youth Show the previous year and up to and including the Sunshine Circuit Youth Show the current year. During this time frame, it will be the Youth's 10 best shows for each event.

#### **Section II**

If the youth qualifies they will be asked for their preference, but final authority will be with the youth board of directors and the Youth Director/advisor(s).

### **Section III**

A youth who qualifies in 2 events may voluntarily elect to limit them-selves to 1 event.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Youth Teams**

#### **Section I**

Any youth who participates in Horsemanship, Showmanship or Hunt Seat Equitation will be allowed to compile points on more than one horse for the selection of the Youth Teams. Points in all other classes will be compiled on a one-horse/one rider basis. No one horse will be substituted-ed Unless veterinarian certificate is presented as verification that the horse is unable to be shown. (Except in the case where a change of horse is for the duration of the season.)

#### **Section II**

Any youth that does not fulfill all responsibilities to the youth team (parades, classes, etc.) shall be banned from the youth team for the following year, if the individual is still considered a youth by the by-laws, at the decision of the Directors, Youth Director, the O.Q.H.Y.A. Youth Director and the O.Q.H.A. Board of Directors. (Note: Members are expected to write and thank sponsors.)

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **O.Q.H.Y.A. World Championship Show**

The O.Q.H.Y.A. recognizes that the state or provincial A.Q.H.Y.A. World Championship Show qualifiers from Ontario will constitute the Ontario team. The qualifiers for this Ontario Team must be members in good standing of O.Q.H.Y.A. and A.Q.H.Y.A. Qualification for the A.Q.H.Y.A. World Championship Show shall be by invitation from the A.Q.H.Y.A. to the individual for the national qualifiers or to the Ontario youth advisor for Provincial qualifiers; participation and theme selection for the Carnival of States shall be at the team's discretion. Final plans shall be submitted to the O.Q.H.A. Youth Director for presentation to the parent association. Financial obligation for the team shall lie primarily with the individual team members.

## **ARTICLE VII**

Out of state youth may become members with voting privileges and eligible for year-end awards, but cannot represent Ontario on any youth team.

### **TROPHY RULES - YOUTH AWARDS**

In order to receive youth points, the youth must be a member of the Ontario Quarter Horse Youth Assoc. and the OQHA Inc., either through a family membership or an individual membership.

To be eligible for class awards, you must accumulate a minimum of 25 points. Any member accumulating a minimum of 15 points (and not eligible for above) will receive

an award of merit.

There will be no monetary awards in any youth class.

This includes High Point & Reserve High Point Awards.

**HIGH POINT AWARDS**

ALL AROUND & RESERVE - 13 AND UNDER

ALL AROUND & RESERVE - 14 THRU 18

ALL AROUND & RESERVE NOVICE YOUTH

Points to count are listed below:

No. In Class 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th

1 1

2 2 1

3 3 2 1

4 4 3 2 1

5 5 4 3 2 1

6 6 5 4 3 2 1

7 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

8 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

9 & over 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1