



Ontario Quarter Horse Association Inc.

Membership Information

ABOUT OQHA The Ontario Quarter Horse Association for over 50 years has supported the interests of Quarter Horse owners in Ontario. As the provincial affiliate of the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), OQHA is responsible for all non-racing AQHA activities in the province. The membership of OQHA is comprised of breeders, competitors, and those who just enjoy the company of their Quarter Horse. The OQHA board of directors strives to serve its diverse membership through various programs & events, to learn more about these activities we encourage you to log onto our website www.oqha.on.ca.

Youth Association Our youth have their own association, which conducts fund raising activities. The youth association also organizes youth teams for the Congress and World Championship competition.

Amateur Association The Amateurs also have their own association, which conducts fund raising activities, hosts educational clinics and non-pro Events.

OQHA Online Please refer to www.oqha.on.ca for up-to-date association information. You can learn about what OQHA is up to in the News Section, with direct links to the Youth and Amateur Association activities. The site also offers free Classified Ads to members, the latest information on shows, point standings, recent events, and industry and affiliate news. We have a downloads section which contains all the forms and show programs you will need to be an active OQHA member. Our links page has expanded to include other Quarter Horse affiliates, organizations, and Promotional Clubs.

All Novice Show Ontario is the host to the finest AQHA All Novice Shows in North America. For multiple years OQHA has been recognized by AQHA as being in the top three affiliates standing. Ontario is home to three AQHA All Novice Shows, spread out across the province, they are located in western, central, and eastern Ontario. Through out the show informational clinics are presented by AQHA Professional Horsemen, and some of the province's top trainers. These shows are approved for OQHA year-end points.

OQHA News All members receive the OQHA News. A glossy magazine, it features a Membership Directory Issue, Breeders' & Stallion issue.

Hall of Fame Since 1997, OQHA has recognized men, women, & horses who have played a vital role in the development of the OQHA.

Year End Awards Each horse's owner and exhibitor must be OQHA members for their points to count. Points begin counting when membership is paid in full. At the year end banquet, awards are presented to the High Point and Reserve High Point winner in each eligible class if they have accumulated over 25 OQHA points at OQHA sanctioned shows. Refer to the By-Laws and Constitution (March Issue) for further information.

Trail Ride OQHA in conjunction with AQHA hosts All-Breed trail rides at great locations in our province. Look for an upcoming trail date on our website. Members may also sign up to our Horseback Riding Program for a one-time fee of \$25. Log your hours in the saddle and become eligible for great awards.

Queen Contest OQHA selects a young lady each year to represent OQHA at various functions including the OQHBF and the All American Quarter Horse Congress Queen Contest. This is a contest of Horsemanship, AQHA and OQHA Rule Book knowledge, and an Oral Interview. Interested young ladies can contact the OQHA Office for more information.

Breeders' Futurity The Ontario Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity is the annual showcase of Ontario member bred Quarter Horses. Approximately \$100,000 in cash and prizes is offered up for grabs to these eligible horses. All are welcome to come and watch top horses from weanlings to three year olds compete in halter, western pleasure, hunter under saddle, longe line and reining classes. Refer to entry eligibility rules and deadlines.

The Rider News

Members also receive the latest OQHA news, 10 times a year, through our page in The Rider. Due to mailing costs, available to Canadian members only. U.S. residents may be able to pick up copies at the office at OQHA sanctioned shows.

Annual Convention & Banquet Typically held in January, the membership of OQHA meets annually to celebrate the accomplishments of the association and its members. They also meet to discuss the business of the association, and plan for it's future. All members are encouraged to participate in the annual general meeting and voice their support and/or concern for the association.

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