

Tri State Quarter Horse Youth Association

2009 Youth Team Guidelines

Requirements For Eligibility

1. All youth shall comply with all rules, regulations and policies developed by the Board of Directors of the Tri State Quarter Horse Association and the American Quarter Horse Association.
2. Each individual MUST BE A MEMBER OF TRI STATE by belonging through a family or an individual membership IN ADDITION TO a Tri State Youth Association membership.
3. Youth team points shall commence each and every calendar year with the first Tri State Show at Westmoreland Fair Grounds and shall end at the last Tri State Show in June or July, depending on the Tri State schedule at the Westmoreland Fair Grounds.

2009 Team Qualifying Shows:

- May 9 & 10
- May 16 & 17
- June 12, 13 & 14
- June 26, 27 & 28
- July 25 & 26
- September 19 & 20 (non qualifying)

4. Each youth must nominate each horse to be shown for Tri State year-end awards points. Point records for Youth Team eligibility will not be kept on any horse prior to the receipt of the point nomination form.
5. Accumulation of points shall begin when the Tri State Point Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary actually receives the point nomination form. There shall be no recalculation of points that may have been missed prior to the receipt of the point nomination form by the Point Secretary.
6. A youth shall only accumulate points for Youth Team eligibility from Tri State shows only. Points will be awarded to members of the Tri State Youth Program at all Tri State shows at the Westmoreland Fair Grounds.
7. Major criteria in the Youth Team selection will be the total number of Tri State Quarter Horse Association points earned in the youth's respective class/event.
8. In selecting the Youth Team, ties will be resolved in accordance with the following procedures:

- A. A tabulation of the number of first place awards in the tied event. If The tie is not resolved, then
 - B. A tabulation of the highest number of first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth place ribbons in the tied event.
9. Attendance at youth meetings is a mandatory criteria for Youth Team consideration. A youth may miss a maximum of **Two** youth meeting, per discretion of youth advisors and board of directors, held between May and September as part of satisfying Youth Team Qualifications. Exact dates, times and places of meetings will be announced at the shows or appear on the Tri State website, www.tsqha.com.
10. Attendance of Tri State shows is also an important criterion in Youth Team selections. Youth must attend a minimum of four of the six weekend shows even if they are not showing at the Tri State show on these weekends. This is to help in fund raising activities at the shows.
11. Youth fundraisers are important to the Youth organization. A major criteria for qualifying for the Youth Team is meeting the requirements of participating in all youth fund raising projects, whether they are held at the show grounds or elsewhere. If you are unable to participate in any particular project, you will be given an opportunity to make up that project. Each project/fund raiser will be given a value and you will be able to use that value as your make up.
12. TSQHA Youth Team members will be given \$100.00 to help defer the cost of their stalls at Congress upon showing in their respective NYATT class and walking in opening ceremonies.
13. Upon the determination of the Youth Advisor or any member of The Tri State Boards of Directors, ALL youth are expected to help at the shows, in any way.
14. The Youth Team may consist of a maximum of twelve (12) eligible members. There may be two per event in the following classes: **Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Reining and Barrel Racing**. There may also be one alternate appointed for each class.
15. Each youth shall be limited to only one horse for team competition. When a youth qualifies more than one horse that youth shall select one qualified horse to ride in the Youth Team competition.
16. Each youth shall be eligible to compete in only one class in the team tournament competition. In the event that a youth qualifies for more than one class, the Youth Advisor and the youth shall determine the selection of the class in which the youth will compete.

17. Selection of the final Youth Team candidates is subject to the ratification of the of the Board of Directors of Tri State Quarter Horse Association.
18. Substitutions of horses shall not be permitted unless submitted prior to the date for the Team Tournament entry to the Ohio Quarter Horse Association on or about August 15th, and will be allowed only in **SHOWMANSHIP** and **HORSEMANSHIP**. Therefore, request for substitution prior to August 15th shall be accompanied by a veterinarian certificate and must be approved by the Youth Team Advisory Committee and the Tri State Board of Directors.
19. The Tri State Board of Directors reserves the right to suspend any youth member from the Youth Team eligibility or participation at any time for unsportsmanlike conduct or infractions of AQHA rules.
20. Each youth must have a parent or a guardian while attending the NYATT at the Quarter Horse Congress. Tri State Youth Advisors are not responsible for youths.