

TEAM MAINE

Maine Quarter Horse Youth Selection for the QH Congress Team:

State Team Qualifications

QUALIFYING PERIOD THROUGH OUT THIS GUIDELINE IS JANUARY 1 TO JULY 31 OF CURRENT YEAR

(A) To be eligible for the state qualified team, the Youth must:

1. Attend a minimum of 3 meetings including all meetings at shows and one outside date
2. Participate in 50% of the Youth Fund raising events held during the qualifying period (3 events if 6 are held during qualifying period)
3. Be a member of MeQHYA and a member of AQHYA in good standing by May 31 of current year
4. Must have exhibited in a minimum of two(2) MeQHA pointed shows (excluding any Novice Shows) with the horse they intend to show at the QH Congress, during the qualifying period

State Team Selection Process

(A) Each team is allowed two (2) exhibitors per event. (Showmanship, Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Reining & Barrel Racing are the current events offered).

1. Any Youth interested in being on the State Team must send a Letter of Intent to Youth Team Advisor by May 1 in writing and must submit his/her list of class choices by preference and must be signed by a parent.
2. Youth who are interested in being on the State Team that have sent their Letter of Intent and class choices will then be put on a point system constructed by MeQHYA at the first two shows of the current year (excluding any Novice shows). Each individual will receive certain number of points for how they place in their event of choice (All events will be pointed the same whether they are Novice or not and must have more than 5 individuals in the event). The qualifiers will then be notified by August 1 of the current year.
3. The top two (2) Youth will qualify for the Team in their first choice of event. If there should be a tie, preference will be given to the Youth who has participated in more of the meetings and fundraisers during the current year.
4. If a Youth does not qualify for his/her first choice event, he/she may qualify in a second or third choice event if that Youth is one of the top two (2) qualifiers.
5. Alternates will be selected for each class and in the event the top two (2) qualifiers are not able to attend, the alternate will take the available spot.
6. This system will be strictly adhered to, with no exceptions. If a change is deemed necessary through unusual circumstances, the change must be presented by the State Team Youth Advisor and parent, then reviewed by the MeQHA Board of Directors

before any such change is made.

State Team Policies

(A) In the event that a Youth does not participate on a team that they accepted a position on, they shall submit a written explanation of their action concerning that team to the Team Advisor and the Association President within two (2) weeks after the final date of the event they were to participate in. Pending a decision from MeQHYA and the Association President, this may or may not be grounds for suspension of Youth from all State Teams for a period of one (1) year.

(B) MeQHA will appoint a Youth Advisor to accompany the Team to the QH Congress if the current Youth Advisor is unable to attend. The MeQHA Board of Directors will select the Team Advisor.

(C) All team members are responsible to the Team Advisor. Everyone on the team must abide by the rules they set up.

(D) Team members shall at all times conduct themselves in a becoming manner. Each member's actions reflect on all MeQHYA members and the state in general. Conduct unbecoming to the team or state in general, is cause for dismissal from the team by the Team Advisor.

(E) When the team is selected you will be competing as a team and must work together.

(F) The team outfits and uniforms shall be chosen by the Executive Board of MeQHYA and approved by the Youth Advisor and the MeQHA Board of Directors.