

**Article I: Name, Purpose and Objectives**

Section 1: **Name:**

The name of this association is the **IDAHO QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION**, hereinafter referred to as the IQHYA. This organization shall operate within the scope of the by-laws and regulations of the Idaho Quarter Horse Association, Inc. (IQHA), the IQHYA, the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) and the American Quarter Horse Youth Association (AQHYA). IQHYA shall maintain their own bylaws, rules and regulations specifically designed for the operation of the business of the youth organization. The IQHYA shall be operated at all times as a non-profit organization, under the laws of the State of Idaho. The

Section 2: **Purpose:**

The purpose of the IQHYA shall be to promote youth interest in the American Quarter Horse and all aspects of the equine industry.

Section 3: **Objectives:**

- A. To improve and promote the American Quarter Horse breed.
- B. To develop youths' interests in all aspects of the equine industry by providing opportunities for access to the equine industry and the exhibition, training, riding, and breeding of the American Quarter Horse.
- C. To improve opportunities for youth to increase leadership skills, sportsmanship, community interests and access to information or scholarships for education and travel.
- D. To provide access for youth to work in conjunction with equine industry professionals and enthusiasts.

**Article II: Membership & Voting Privileges**

Section 1: **Membership:**

Membership shall be open to any youth 18 years or younger on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Youth members of the associations may be residents of any U.S. State or Canadian Province.

Section 2: **Membership Fees:**

Membership fees shall be assessed by the Board of Directors of the Idaho Quarter Horse Association, Inc., and shall be effective from when the application and fees are received by the Membership Director of the Idaho Quarter Horse Association, Inc., until December 31<sup>st</sup> of that year.

Section 3: **Points Keeping**

Points for year-end awards, World Show, Novice Show, or NYATT teams shall begin accruing on the day membership and nomination fees are received by the Membership Director of the Idaho Quarter Horse Association, Inc.

An annual horse nomination fee may be required by the Board of Directors of the Idaho Quarter Horse Association, Inc., for youth members to be eligible for point earning privileges. This nomination is effective when forms and payments have been received by the Membership Director of the Idaho Quarter Horse Association, Inc.

Youth members are responsible for obtaining and maintaining their own American Quarter Horse Youth Association membership directly from the American Quarter Horse Association.

## Section 4: **Voting Privileges:**

Any youth member, in good standing shall have privilege of voting at IQHYA meetings and elections. Members who are delinquent in payment of dues or fees, have received an expulsion from the American Quarter Horse Association or have otherwise received suspension from either the Idaho Quarter Horse Association, Inc., or American Quarter Horse Association shall not be entitled to vote.

## Section 5: **Good Standing:**

A youth member shall be considered in good standing when they have met all requirements listed in the most current version of the Idaho Quarter Horse Youth Association Handbook. All members are expected to abide by the By-Laws and Policies (rules) of IQHYA, regardless of whether they choose to read them.

## Section 5: **Conduct and Good Behavior**

*As per the AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations, "membership and election to office in AQHYA (IQHYA), is a privilege, not a right, which may be terminated or refused for cause detrimental to the interest of the AQHYA (IQHYA), its programs, policies, objectives and harmonious relationship of its members."*

Activities deemed detrimental to the interest of AQHYA and IQHYA, include, but are not limited to: the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco products and immoral or lewd conduct. Regardless of the permissive laws of your state/country or indulgence of your parents or legal guardian, use of the above mentioned products or happenings of such conduct is not permitted while representing the AQHYA or IQHYA. Such behavior will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Any youth found or reported to be directly or indirectly associated with detrimental activities will immediately be removed from the event and, at his or her parents' or guardians' expense be sent home.

All offences will be fully investigated by the Youth Director(s) and the incident will be reported to the youths' parents or guardians. A hearing before the Idaho Quarter Horse Association, Inc., Board of Directors will be scheduled at which time the youth will have the opportunity to present evidence on his/her behalf.

## **Article III: Advisors, Executive Officers, and Directors**

### Section 1: **Advisor(s):**

The Youth Advisor(s) shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Idaho Quarter Horse Association, Inc. The business of IQHYA shall be managed by the Youth Board of Directors, under the direction and guidance of the Youth Advisor(s).

## Section 2: **Executive Officers:**

All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members. Election must be determined by written ballot, ballots must be kept for thirty (30) days to allow for a recount should one be requested. Each officer shall assume their office upon election and shall hold that office for one year. No officer may succeed themselves for more than two (2) consecutive terms. Elections shall be conducted via paper ballot distributed no later than thirty (30) days before the annual meeting. Ballots must be returned to the accounting officer no later than ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting.

The Executive Officers shall consist of Past President, President, Secretary, Reporter and three (3) Directors. Youth members in good standing and having a minimum of one (1) year tenure in IQHYA shall be eligible for election to office. The President must have at least two (2) years remaining youth eligibility.

Each candidate must declare interest in an executive office to the Youth Advisor no less than thirty (30) days before the annual meeting. This declaration can be via email or letter. Each candidate will be expected to deliver a one (1) to five (5) minute candidate speech that may be submitted to the Youth Advisor or to appropriate media site as directed by IQHYA officers.

If an IQHYA officer or board member fails to perform his or her duties or has two unexcused absences from board meetings, he/she is subject to removal from office or the board. If a board position or office is vacated, the remaining officers and directors will elect a replacement for the remainder of the term.

## Section 3: **Duties of the Past President:**

Shall serve as an advisory position to the Executive Board. This office shall not carry a vote in Executive Board matters.

## Section 4: **Duties of the President:**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership or Executive Board. The President shall collaborate with the Youth Advisor(s) to create and distribute an agenda for meetings. The President may appoint committees with the approval of the Executive Board.

## Section 5: **Duties of the Vice-President:**

The Vice-President shall assist the president and to act for the president when the president is unavailable.

## Section 6: **Duties of the Secretary:**

The Secretary shall be to keep an up-to-date roster of the association's members and shall call roll at each regular meeting. He/She shall take minutes at meetings and distribute a copy to all officers, board members, the advisor, and director within fourteen (14) days following the meeting.

## Section 7: **Duties of the Reporter:**

The reporter shall assist the secretary and to act for the secretary when the president is unavailable. He/She shall be responsible for sharing the news, events and activities of IQHYA with any news publication that will accept and print it at no charge to IQHYA. He/She shall also review and maintain pictures, stories and information available on the Idaho Quarter Horse Association, Inc. website.

## Section 8: **Duties of the District Directors:**

District Directors shall be elected from the District in which they reside. If they reside outside their district during their term the Executive Board or the Board of Directors, by a vote, may elect to replace or retain that District Director. Upon the major vote of the members at any annual or special meeting thereof or up the majority of the Directors at any annual or special meeting of the Board of Directors, the number of Directors of IQHYA may be increased or decreased. The District Directors shall be:

1. Northern District. Shall be composed of the counties of: Boundary, Bonner, Koenai, Benewah, Shoshone, Latah, Clearwater, Nezperce, Lewis, Idaho, Adams, Valley, Lemhi, and Washington.
2. Southern District shall be composed of the counties of: Payette, Canyon, Owyhee, Gem, Ada, Boise, Elmore, Custer, Camas, Gooding, Twin Falls, Blaine, Lincoln, Jerome, Minidoka, Cassia, Butte, Power, Oneida, Clark, Jefferson, Bingham, Bannock, Franklin, Fremont, Madison, Teton, Bonneville, Caribou, Bear Lake.
3. Out of State District shall be composed of Washington, Oregon, Utah and Montana.

District Directors are responsible for communicating information from IQHYA to members in their district and from members of their district to IQHYA. They also act as representatives of IQHYA in their district during events, activities and programs. They are responsible for assisting with outreach and promotion of IQHYA events, activities or programs in their district.

## **Article IV: Meetings**

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

At any meeting of the members, quorum shall consist of those members present. For Executive Officer meetings, a majority of the officers present shall constitute a quorum.

### Section 2: **Annual Meeting:**

The annual meeting of the IQHYA members shall be held in accordance with the annual membership meeting of the Idaho Quarter Horse Association, Inc. Notice of the time and place of said meeting shall be given no later than ten (10) and not sooner than fifty (5) days prior to said meeting.

### Section 3: **Regular Meetings:**

Regular meetings of the IQHYA shall be convened as deemed necessary by the Youth Advisor and IQHYA Executive Officers. Notice of these meetings shall be given to all youth members no later than five (5) days prior to the meeting.

Section 4: **Executive Officer Meetings:**

Executive Officer meetings shall be convened as deemed necessary by the Youth Advisor and IQHYA Executive Officers. Notice of these meetings shall be given to all Executive Officers no later than five (5) days prior to the meeting. At least one (1) annual Executive Officer meeting shall be held no later than thirty (30) days prior to the IQHYA annual meeting to determine annual meeting agenda, executive office nominations and activities to be held at the annual meeting.

**Article V: Governing Rules**

The Executive Officers, with the Youth Advisor may, from time to time, adopt and publish administrative policies and amendments thereto, for the specific purpose of clarifying and augmenting the by-laws to provide for detailed uniformity in administered the IQHYA affairs. Policies shall be adopted in the same manner as for by-laws and in addition to circulation so the membership shall also notified of these policy changes.

**Article VI: Liability**

The IQHYA and IQHA shall not be responsible for loss due to accident, theft or otherwise sustained by any member, visitor or guest.

**Article VIII: Amendments**

These by-laws may be amended or added to at any annual meeting called for that purpose. Amendments or additions must be submitted by a current member in good standing or recommended by the Executive Officers to the Youth Advisor in written form, at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual or special meeting to be included in the notice of said meeting. For purposes of amending or adding to these by-laws, a majority of members present shall be required for passage.

The foregoing by-laws of the Idaho Quarter Horse Youth Association, an Idaho not-for-profit corporation, were adopted at the meeting of the Board of Directors of said Association held on \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_, and supersedes any prior written by-laws.

\_\_\_\_\_, IQHYA President

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_, Youth Advisor

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_, IQHA President

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