

Virginia Quarter Horse Youth Association (VQHYA)

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Article I — Name

The name of this organization shall be the Virginia Quarter Horse Youth Association (VQHYA), an affiliated youth program of the Virginia Quarter Horse Association (VQHA) and the American Quarter Horse Youth Association (AQHYA).

Article II — Purpose and Objectives

Referencing AQHYA Constitution (Art. I, Sec. 2), the objectives of VQHYA are to:

1. Promote and improve the American Quarter Horse breed.
2. Develop youth skills in the breeding, raising, exhibition, and recreational use of Quarter Horses.
3. Foster scholarship, leadership, citizenship, and community involvement among youth.
4. Encourage sportsmanship, high moral character, and healthy lifestyles.
5. Educate youth about AQHA/AQHYA structure and opportunities.

Article III — Membership

1. Eligibility: Active membership is open to youth who are age 18 or under on January 1 of the membership year and who meet VQHA/AQHA eligibility rules.
2. Good Standing: Members must be in good standing with VQHA and AQHA and comply with all VQHYA bylaws, rules, and the Code of Conduct.
3. Dues: Annual VQHYA dues are \$15.00 (subject to change by VQHA). Dues are payable upon application or renewal and must be paid to vote or hold office.
4. Membership Classes: a. Active (voting) — youth members meeting age/dues requirements. iate — former youth or adult supporters (non-voting) as approved by the Youth Advisors.
5. Rights: Active youth members have the right to vote, hold office (subject to qualifications), and participate in team selection processes when eligible.

Article IV — Youth Advisors & Oversight

1. Appointment: VQHYA shall be guided by a Youth Advisor and adults appointed by the VQHA Board of Directors from VQHA membership.
2. VQHA Liaison: One Youth Advisor shall serve as a voting member or designated liaison to the VQHA Board.
3. Responsibilities:
 - a. Oversee VQHYA programs, safety, and compliance with VQHA/AQHA policies.

- b. Advise and assist youth officers; approve budgets and expenditures as required.
 - c. Chair the Youth Executive Committee or designate a chair.
4. Authority: The VQHA Board retains financial oversight and ultimate authority for VQHYA policies consistent with VQHA governance in accordance with the decision of the Youth Advisor.

Article V — Officers, Qualifications, Duties, Terms

1. Officers: President; 1st Vice President; 2nd Vice President; Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; Treasurer; Reporter.
2. Qualifications: a. Officers must be active, dues-paid VQHYA members and Virginia residents unless otherwise specified for certain programs. b. The President shall be elected from the 14–18 age group and must have at least two years of active VQHYA participation.
3. Terms: One-year term beginning at the close of the annual VQHA Awards Banquet or other date fixed by VQHA. Officers may serve consecutive terms if re-elected.
4. Duties: a. President — preside at meetings, appoint committees (subject to advisor/Board approval), represent youth to VQHA, work with Advisors on budget and program planning. b. 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents — support the President, assume duties if the President is unavailable, lead assigned initiatives, and publicize programs. c. Recording Secretary — keep minutes, maintain records, distribute minutes and reports to members and VQHA. d. Corresponding Secretary — manage correspondence, maintain contact lists, issue meeting notices. e. Treasurer — maintain accurate financial records, prepare reports, deposit funds timely, and coordinate budgets with Youth Advisors and VQHA. f. Reporter — prepare publicity and press releases, maintain record of published materials, assist secretaries as needed. More thorough job description listed below. All new officers need to go through an officers' training meeting.
5. President—Duties and Qualifications:
 - a. Resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the President shall be nominated and elected
 - b. from the 14-18 age group. He or she shall have been an active member of VQHYA for two
 - c. years. (An active member is one who participates in meetings, shows, fund-raising projects, and other activities.)
 - d. Presides over all meetings of the association.
 - e. Appoints any committees, which shall be considered necessary for the effective operation of the association.
 - f. Helps plan budgets for the year, subject to the approval of the VQHA Board.
 - g. Attends meetings of the VQHA Board of Directors to represent the Youth, whenever possible.

- h. Helps plan and carry out Youth activities.
6. Vice-Presidents—Duties and Qualifications:
 - a. Two Vice-Presidents shall be elected each year. The Vice-Presidents must be residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia and active members of VQHYA.
 - b. Support and advise the President.
 - c. Assume the duties of the President if he or she cannot attend a meeting or must leave office.
 - d. Help plan and carry out Youth activities.
 - e. Publicize plans regularly in the VQHA Newsletter.
 7. Secretaries—Duties and Qualifications:
 - a. Two Secretaries shall be elected each year. The Secretaries must be residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia and active members of VQHYA.
 - b. The Recording Secretary keeps minutes of the meetings, prepares minutes for publication in the VQHA Newsletter, and submits them for publication after each meeting.
 - c. The Corresponding Secretary prepares correspondence as needed.
 8. Treasurer—Duties and Qualifications:
 - a. The Treasurer must be a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia and an active member of VQHYA.
 - b. Keeps financial records of the association under the guidance of the Youth Advisors.
 - c. Keeps a record of individual participation in fundraising activities.
 - d. Prepares financial reports for publication in the VQHA newsletter.
 - e. Helps plan yearly budgets.
 9. Reporter—Duties and Qualifications:
 - a. The Reporter must be a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia and an active member of VQHYA.
 - b. A. Reports association activities and news to the VQHA Newsletter, the Quarter Horse Journal, and/or any other association's newsletter or magazines.
 - c. Journal, and/or any other association's newsletter or magazines.
 - d. Assumes the duties of the Secretary if the Secretary is unable to attend a meeting.
 - e. Keeps a record of the VQHYA material printed each month in the VQHA Newsletter.
 - f. Delegation & Absence: Officers may delegate duties temporarily; the Executive Committee may appoint a member to fulfill duties when an officer is absent.

Article VI — General Meetings

1. General Meetings: Minimum of four (4) general membership meetings annually. Additional meetings called by the President, Youth Advisors, or VQHA Board as needed.
2. Annual Meeting: The election meeting shall be held at the VQHA Awards Banquet or at a time designated by VQHA.
3. Notice: Written or electronic notice of meetings shall be provided at least ten (10) days in advance when practical. Officer meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month, and general meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month. This is subject to change and should be communicated if done so.
4. Special Meetings: May be called by the President, Youth Advisors, or upon written request of at least ten (10) active members.
5. Electronic Meetings: Meetings, voting, and attendance by phone or electronic means are permitted when reasonable efforts are made to allow participation and identity verification.

Article VII — Voting, Quorum, and Elections

1. Quorum for General Membership Meetings: A quorum consists of a majority of active members present at a duly called meeting. For Board/Executive Committee meetings, a majority of committee members constitutes a quorum.
2. Voting: a. Each active member (as defined in Article III) has one vote. b. Decisions are made by a simple majority of votes cast unless otherwise specified. c. A 2/3 supermajority of votes cast is required for specified actions (e.g., removal of an Advisor, dissolution of VQHYA, or other matters identified by VQHA). d. Proxy voting is not permitted for officer elections or team selection votes unless allowed by VQHA policy. e. Electronic ballots are allowed if identity and eligibility are verified, and the voting period and procedures are published in advance, as deemed by the Youth Advisor.
3. Elections:
 - a. Nominations: Any active member may be nominated; nominations may be accepted in advance
 - b. Election Method: Officers elected by plurality of votes cast, unless only one candidate, in which case a voice vote may be used.
 - c. Tie Votes: Resolved by run-off vote or, if still tied, by lot or by Youth Advisor/Board decision consistent with fairness.
4. Eligibility for Office: Must meet officer-specific qualifications (Article V) and be in good standing at the time of election.

Article VIII — Vacancies, Removal, and Resignation

1. Vacancies: Vacancies in elected offices may be filled by appointment of the Youth Executive Committee for the unexpired term; appointees serve until the next annual election.
2. Resignation: Officers may resign in writing to the President or Youth Advisor; resignation is effective upon receipt unless otherwise specified.
3. Removal for Cause:
 - a. a. Any officer or committee member may be removed for cause by a 2/3 vote of active members present at a meeting called for that purpose, after notice and opportunity to be heard.
 - b. b. Immediate temporary suspension may be imposed by Youth Advisors pending investigation.
4. Recall Process: Petitions signed by at least 25% of active members may trigger a recall election and hearing.

Article IX — Team Selection: Youth World Show

1. Eligibility:
 - a. a. Primary: Virginia residents who are active VQHYA members and AQHA-eligible by the annual March 1 deadline (or date set by Advisors).
 - b. b. Non-resident Consideration: Non-resident VQHYA members may be considered only after all qualified Virginia residents are placed; non-residents must have an approved AQHYA hardship.
2. Application: Interested youth must submit a Letter of Intent, signed Code of Conduct, and any required deposit (minimum \$100 or amount set annually) by the deadline set by the youth advisor.
3. Selection Criteria:
 - a. a. Performance points according to VQHA Show & Contest Rules (novice points excluded)
 - b. . b. Participation requirements (shows, meetings, fundraising) set annually by Youth Advisors with VQHYA membership input; however, participants must have 50% attendance to meeting and fundraising to the general fund
 - c. Youth members are responsible for fundraising for the Youth world and budgets for this will be set annually
 - d. c. Suitability judgment by Youth Advisors regarding representation and conduct.
4. Buy-out Options: Youth who do not meet participation requirements may be considered for team placement via buy-out payments to offset participation and AQHYA fees; amounts differ for VA residents and non-residents and are discretionary and case-by-case set out by the youth advisor annually.

5. Commitments: Team members must attend required team meetings/practices, and participate in ceremonial activities (Parade of States) unless excused by Youth Advisors.
6. Withdrawal Penalty: Members withdrawing without approved cause after final team selection will NOT be reimburse VQHYA for expenses and may be ineligible for other team activities that year.
7. Financial Assistance: VQHYA may provide financial assistance based on account funds, Advisor and team input, and approval by the Youth Executive Committee or VQHA as required.
8. The judging team should receive assistance, and this needs to meet the same standards in fundraising as those who show horses. A letter of intent should be filled out by those members, and they need to meet the same standard of at least 50% meeting and fundraising participation.
9. Those who do not fill out a letter of intent will be looked at on a case-by-case basis; however, they will not receive any financial support from the club.
10. All new members who are new to the association will have until MAY 1st to fill out the letter of intent form and code of conduct. After this time, they will be deemed ineligible for that year's competitions (youth world, NYATT)

Article X — Team Selection: NYATT

1. Eligibility: Youth who are Virginia residents, or residents of North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Maryland, West Virginia, or Delaware, and active VQHYA members.
2. Application: Letter of Intent and signed Code of Conduct submitted by the deadline.
3. Selection: Typically selects first and second place in state standings per class, prioritizing the 14–18 age division; final team composition determined by Youth Advisors and VQHYA per state rules.
4. Team Size & Sponsorship: VQHYA may send up to two teams (one VQHYA-sponsored; one VA Amateur-sponsored) with team composition and minimum/maximum participants set in Article IX or by current NYATT rules.
5. Requirements: Participation in mandatory activities and ceremonies is required.
 - a. Participants that would like to be selected will need at least 50% participation in meetings and contribute to fundraising.
 - b. The total budget and fundraising will be set out by the youth advisor annually
6. All participants have to participate in fundraising or do a buy - out that is presented by the youth advisor; this is done on an annual basis.

Article XI — YES / AQHYA Convention Delegates

1. Delegates: VQHYA may select up to four voting delegates to the YES/AQHYA Convention; selection based on current officers gives them first pick as delegates.

- a. Advisor recommendation (priority to ages 14–18 and candidates for national office).
 - b. Consideration for those who hold current officer position at VQHYA will be made first for delegates
 - c. Application: Letter of Intent and signed Code of Conduct required.
 - d. Must be a participating member in VQHYA (including attending meetings and fundraising at least 50%)
2. Financial: VQHYA will pay registration fees for up to four voting delegates only; travel, lodging, and other expenses are the delegate’s responsibility unless otherwise approved by Youth Advisors or VQHA.

Article XII — Code of Conduct, Discipline, and Appeals

Article XI – Code of Conduct

Purpose

This Code of Conduct explains the standards of behavior expected of all members of the Virginia Quarter Horse Youth Association (VQHYA) while representing VQHYA, the American Quarter Horse Youth Association (AQHYA), and the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA).

Membership and eligibility for office in AQHYA and VQHYA are privileges, not rights. These privileges may be denied, suspended, or revoked for conduct that is detrimental to the interests, programs, policies, objectives, or the harmonious relationships of AQHA, AQHYA, or VQHYA.

Scope

This Code applies to all youth members, officers, team members, and any participant in VQHYA-sanctioned activities (including but not limited to shows, meetings, clinics, travel representing the organization, social events, and digital/online conduct), regardless of location or the permissive laws of the member’s state or the choices of their parents or guardians.

Standards of Conduct

While representing VQHYA/AQHYA/AQHA, members are expected to:

- Act with honesty, integrity, and respect for others at all times.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect for competitors, officials, volunteers, and spectators.
- Follow the rules, policies, and procedures of VQHYA, AQHYA, and AQHA.
- Protect the safety, health, and welfare of themselves and others.
- Use appropriate language and behavior in person and online; avoid harassment, bullying, or discriminatory conduct.
- Represent the organization positively in public and on social media.

Prohibited Conduct

The following behaviors are prohibited while representing VQHYA/AQHYA/AQHA and may also be prohibited at any VQHYA event site or activity:

- Use, possession, distribution, or being under the influence of illegal drugs or controlled substances.
- Use, possession, distribution, or being under the influence of alcohol when participation or representation of VQHYA is involved.
- Use or possession of tobacco products (including vaping) while representing the organization or at VQHYA-sanctioned events.
- Immoral, lewd, or indecent conduct.
- Unsportsmanlike behavior, including cheating, tampering with equipment, or intentionally interfering with other participants.
- Conduct that threatens the safety or well-being of others (physical violence, abuse of humans or animals, harassment, intimidation).
- Any activity that could reasonably be expected to harm the reputation, programs, or relationships of VQHYA, AQHYA, or AQHA. Note: Prohibited conduct applies regardless of whether state law or parental permission allows the behavior; members may still be disciplined for such conduct when representing the organization.

Reporting and Immediate Action

- Any incident or allegation of prohibited conduct should be reported promptly to the Youth Advisor, a member of the Youth Committee, or another designated official.
- If a youth is found or reported to be directly or indirectly associated with prohibited activities, they will be removed immediately from the activity or event site to ensure safety and to protect all parties involved.
- The youth's parent or legal guardian will be notified immediately of the removal and the circumstances that led to it.

Investigation and Review

- All alleged violations will be investigated promptly and fairly by the Youth Advisor and the Youth Committee.
- Investigations will gather relevant information, conduct interviews, and gather any evidence necessary to determine whether a violation occurred.
- During the investigation and any ensuing proceedings, the youth may be placed on temporary suspension from participation pending the outcome if deemed necessary for safety or integrity of the event.

Hearing and Rights of the Youth

- If the Youth Advisor and Youth Committee determine that a formal hearing is appropriate, a hearing before the VQHYA Board and Youth Committee will be scheduled.
- The youth will be given notice of the hearing, a summary of allegations, and an opportunity to present evidence and witnesses in their defense.
- Parents or legal guardians may accompany and represent the youth at the hearing.

- The Board and Youth Committee will consider the findings, testimony, and evidence and will determine appropriate action.

Possible Sanctions

Sanctions may vary depending on the severity of the conduct and may include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal or written warning.
- Probationary status with specified conditions.
- Temporary suspension from events, teams, or leadership positions.
- Removal from a team or office.
- Termination of membership in VQHYA/AQHYA.
- Referral to law enforcement or other authorities when conduct is unlawful. Sanctions will be applied in proportion to the offense and may include conditions for reinstatement.

Recordkeeping and Confidentiality

- Records of investigations and decisions will be maintained by VQHYA in accordance with applicable policies.
- While the organization will make reasonable efforts to preserve confidentiality, appropriate disclosure may be required for safety, legal, or investigative purposes.

Additional Team-Specific Code

- In addition to this Code of Conduct, all youth participating on a VQHYA-sanctioned team must sign any additional team-specific Code of Conduct required by that team. Team rules and expectations may establish stricter standards and consequences.

Responsibility to Read and Sign

- All participating youth are required to read and acknowledge this Code of Conduct prior to participation in VQHYA activities.
- A signed acknowledgment or agreement to follow this Code, and any team-specific codes, must be on file for participation in events and teams.

Questions and Resources

- Members with questions about standards, reporting procedures, or the investigation/hearing process should contact the VQHYA Youth Advisor or a Youth Committee member.

Article XIII — Committees and Executive Committee

1. Standing & Special Committees: a. The President, with Advisor input and Board confirmation, may establish committees (e.g., Show/Point Committee, Fundraising,

Publicity, Team Selection). b. Committee chairs and members serve at the pleasure of the President, Advisors, and Board.

2. Committee Rules: Committees may adopt internal rules consistent with Bylaws and shall keep accurate records and financial accounts for any funds collected or disbursed.
3. Executive Committee: a. Composition: President; 1st Vice President; 2nd Vice President; Recording Secretary; Treasurer; Reporter; Youth Advisor chair (non-voting unless specified). b. Authority: Acts on urgent matters between Board meetings; authority limited to routine or emergency decisions and consistent with actions previously authorized by the Board; may not overturn prior Board actions. c. Meetings: Must report all actions to the Board at its next meeting.

Article XIV — Finances, Fiscal Year, and Financial Controls

1. Fiscal Year: VQHYA fiscal year shall be January 1 — December 31, or as otherwise set by VQHA.
2. Budget: The Youth Advisors, officers, and Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget for review and approval by the VQHYA Executive Committee and VQHA Board as required.
3. Bank Accounts & Signatories: a. Funds shall be held in accounts in the name of VQHYA or VQHA as determined by VQHA policy. b. Checks and withdrawals require two authorized signatures: Treasurer and one Youth Advisor or VQHA-designated signatory. Limits and exceptions require VQHA Board approval.
4. Financial Records & Reporting: a. Treasurer shall maintain accurate books in accordance with standard accounting practices and provide quarterly and annual reports to the Youth Advisors and VQHA. b. An independent review or audit may be required annually by VQHA.
5. Fundraising & Donations: All fundraising activities must be approved by Youth Advisors and comply with VQHA policies. Donations designated for specific purposes shall be used accordingly.
 - a. Third and Fourth place should be sponsored and or fundraised within the general fund. These awards are not to exceed \$25.00 and require each member to have a minimum of 10 points in that class, in order to receive 3rd or 4th place awards.
 - b. \$250 scholarship for upcoming senior should be used every year and funded by the youth account ; the youth office should decide each year how this is ran however, consider speech and 3 person board of youth to choose who should receive this
6. Expense Reimbursement: Reasonable expenses for approved youth activities shall be reimbursed according to VQHYA/VQHA policy with required receipts.

Article XV — Nonprofit Status, Liability, and Indemnification

1. Nonprofit: VQHYA operates as a nonprofit youth program under VQHA; it is not to be operated for private gain.
2. Liability: VQHYA and VQHA are not responsible for loss, injury, or theft to members, guests, or property. Participants assume personal responsibility for risks associated with equine activities.
3. Indemnification: To the extent permitted by law and VQHYA policy, VQHYA shall indemnify and hold harmless youth officers, committee members, and advisors from liabilities incurred in the performance of their duties, provided actions were in good faith and not willful misconduct.

Article XVI — Conflict of Interest Policy

1. Duty: Officers, Advisors, and committee members owe a duty of loyalty to the organization and must avoid conflicts between personal interests and VQHYA interests.
2. Disclosure: Any potential conflict must be disclosed to the Youth Advisors and recorded.
3. Recusal: A person with a conflict must recuse themselves from deliberations and voting on the related matter.
4. Documentation: Disclosures and recusals must be recorded in meeting minutes.

Article XVII — Amendment Process

1. Proposal: Amendments may be proposed by the Youth Advisors, VQHA Board, or by written petition of at least 10% of active members.
2. Notice: Proposed amendments must be circulated to members at least 5 days prior to the meeting where they will be considered.
3. Approval: Amendments require approval by a majority (51%) of active members present at a duly called meeting AND final approval by the VQHA Board of Directors as the overseeing body.
4. Effective Date: Approved amendments take effect upon VQHA Board approval or on a date specified in the amendment.

Article XVIII — Adoption, Approval, and Distribution

1. Adoption: These Bylaws become effective upon approval by the VQHYA membership and the VQHYA officers, and by the VQHA Board of Directors.
2. Distribution: Approved Bylaws shall be published and made available for download on the VQHA website and provided to members upon request.

3. Review: Bylaws shall be reviewed at least every three years or sooner if required by VQHA or AQHYA changes.

Appendix A — Forms & Procedures

- Membership application/dues form : <https://pci.jotform.com/form/252107280354147>
- Letter of Intent for teams/YES link:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w6YRKRJ6SI0fYjnYnWE0OHV6P4M2W9ib/edit?usp=sharing&oid=113667796099259501014&rtpof=true&sd=true>
- Team Code of Conduct & Commitment Agreement

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Acknowledgment

I have read and understood the VQHYA Code of Conduct above. I understand the expectations, prohibited conduct, reporting and disciplinary procedures, and potential consequences for violations. I agree to follow this Code while representing VQHYA, AQHYA, or AQHA and when participating in VQHYA-sanctioned activities.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Printed Name _____