

THE SOUTHERN OHIO QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION INC.

ARTICLE I

NAME. OBJECT AND LOCATION

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Ohio Quarter Horse Association, Inc.

Section 2. The object of this organization shall be to promote in all ways the interests of Southern Ohio Quarter Horse owners, to increase the number of Southern Ohio breeders and owners of quarter horses registered by the American Quarter Horse Association and to help advance Ohio to the position of the leading quarter horse state. All the proceedings of this Association shall be in harmony with the policies and activities of the American Quarter Horse Association.

Section 3. The area encompassed by the Southern Ohio Quarter Horse Association is the area south of a line running west from State Route 22 at the Ohio-West Virginia border to State Route 250 up to State Route 36 through Delaware, Ohio, and then following State Route 36 west to State Route 33, continuing west on Route 33 to the Ohio-Indiana border. It shall include the aforementioned counties in their entirety as well as all Ohio counties south of them. Namely: Adam, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clarke, Clermont, Clinton, Darke, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Greene, Guensey, Hamilton, Highland, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Licking, Madison, Meigs, Miami, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pike, Piekaway, Preble, Ross, Scioto, Shelby, Vinton, Warren and Washington. It shall also include parts of the following counties: Auglaize, Coshocton, Delaware, Harrison, Jefferson, Knox, Logan, Mercer, Tuscarawas and Union.

Section 4. The address of the SOQHA shall be that of the presiding treasurer. Members of the Association may be the residents of any state, territory, or county. Its officers must be permanent residents of Southern Ohio as defined in Section 3 and must be over 18 years of age as of January 1st of the current year.

Section 5. The fiscal year of the Association shall start on January 1st and end on December 31st of each year.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be of three categories: Annual Family Membership, Annual Individual Adult Membership, and Annual Individual Youth Membership. Family membership shall include husband and/or wife and their children and/or wards age 18 (as of January 1st. of the current year) and under, who are reliable people interested in promoting quarter horses registered by the American Quarter Horse Association. In instances where the family consists of only one spouse and his or her children, the family membership requirements shall also apply. An annual individual adult member shall be any reliable person, firm, or corporation, resident of any state, interested in promoting quarter horses registered by the American Quarter Horse Association. An annual individual youth member shall be any reliable person, resident of any state, interested in promoting quarter horses registered by the American Quarter Horse Association and who are 18 years of age (as of January 1st of the current year) or under and unmarried.

Section 2. Any person, firm or corporation having joined the association shall thereby become subject to the rules and by-laws then in force or later adopted by the Association and shall be subject to expulsion from the organization as provided in these by-laws.

Section 3. When any person, firm or corporation as members of the Association shall be accused of any acts or practices which may be deemed just cause for expulsion from the Association, said person, firm or corporation shall be entitled to a full, fair and impartial public hearing before the Board of Directors of the organization where they shall be faced by their accuser or be permitted to examine all evidence offered in support of the charge by the accuser or others and where they shall be given full opportunity to refute such evidence, but upon being adjudged guilty of the practice as charged and worthy of expulsion by affirmative vote of the majority of Directors present, they shall forthwith be so expelled for a minimum of 180 days. Any expelled member may be reinstated with the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III DUES AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Section 1. Each membership, family, individual adult or individual youth, shall pay dues as prescribed by the Board of Directors and publicized annually, except that the dues for individual youth shall be half of the amount of the dues established for individual adult members. Dues eligibility and membership in Southern Ohio Quarter Horse Youth Association shall be governed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Southern Ohio Quarter Horse Youth Association.

Section 2. Application for membership must have fee attached and be submitted to the S.O.Q.H.A. membership chairperson.

Section 3. Membership will start January 1st and be effective through December 31st. After January 1st, membership will start the day the application and fee are received at the address of the S.O.Q.H.A. membership chairperson and be effective through December 31st, of that year (except those received late in the year and specifically stating their applicability for the pursuing year).

Section 4. In cases of error in fees or application, the above membership starting dates will remain effective provided the error is corrected within 30 days.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERS

Section 1. Members of the Association shall be admitted, retained and expelled in accordance with these By-Laws. In all matters governed by the vote of the members, each individual adult member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. Individual youth members shall not be entitled to vote or to hold office in the Southern Ohio Quarter Horse Association. Each family membership in good standing shall be entitled to two votes (one for the husband and one for the wife) except where the family shall consist of only one spouse and children in which case it shall be entitled to one vote only. For voting case it shall be entitled to one vote only. For voting privileges, member in good standing is defined as one having paid dues for the current membership year and has not been expelled.

Section 2. The regular annual meeting of the members shall be held on a date to be established at the September meeting.

Section 3. Special meeting' of the members may be held at such time and place as may be designated in the notice whenever called in writing by direction of the President, or in their absence by the Vice President, or by a majority of the Board of Directors, or by notice signed by not less than 25 percent of the members then in good standing. Notice of each special meeting, indicating briefly the object or objects thereof, shall be given in the same manner as provided with respect to notice of annual meetings.

Section 4. At any meeting of the members held in accordance with the foregoing provisions as to notice, the members attending such meeting, present in person, shall constitute a quorum of the members for all purposes unless the representation of a larger number shall be required by law and in that case the representation 90 required shall constitute a quorum. If any meeting is adjourned to another time and place, no further notice as to such adjourned meeting need to be given other than by announcement at the meeting at which such adjournment is taken.

Section 5. Any officer of the Association may call the meeting of the members to order and may act as chairman of such meeting, precedence being given as follows: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Treasurer. In the absence of all such officers, members present may elect a chairman. The Secretary of Association shall act as Secretary of all meetings of the members, but in the Secretary's absence, the Directors may appoint any person to act as Secretary of the meeting.

Section 6. At the regular annual meeting, the qualified members of the Association shall elect the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Board of Directors.

Section 7. In the matter of elections of Directors, the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all current year members in good standing, (as provided in section I of article IV), will be mailed by November 1st, numbered ballots with a return addressed envelope. Upon return, these envelopes will remain sealed until a designated date is established for counting. Results will be announced at the December meeting.

(A) In years that all officers run unopposed ballots will not be mailed. Ballots will be available at the Annual Awards Banquet.

Section 8. The President or other presiding officer shall appoint three (3) members as inspectors of election at the annual meeting. If the right of any member to vote shall be challenged, the inspectors shall determine such right. The inspectors shall receive and count all ballots, and announce the results of all votes. Their certificate of such results shall be prima facie evidence thereof.

Section 9. Unless stated otherwise in the By-Laws, all meetings of the members and Board of Directors shall be conducted in accordance with the Roberts Rules of Order.

Article V
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The business and property of the Association shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors, the President, the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Executive Committee. The Board of Directors shall be determined, elected and/or appointed as prescribed in Section 2. The number of the membership of the Board of Directors may be altered from time to time by amendment of these By-Laws, but the number of elected directors shall not be reduced below six (6).

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be made up of members who are elected or appointed as prescribed herein to make up and constitute said Board.

(A) The number of Directors shall not exceed one Director for each fifteen (15) memberships in the preceding fiscal year. For example, if 180 memberships were registered in the preceding year, then there can be 12 total directors in the current year, including those elected, with the balance appointed by the new President for a one year term.

aa. For purposes of determining the number of Directors, memberships shall be counted as follows; one for each family membership and one for each individual membership (not by the total number of members in good standing, i.e. if the Association has 120 families plus 30 individual members, then they have 150 memberships even though there will be more members in good standing because there are generally two members in a family membership).

(B) Two thirds (2/3) of the total number of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the membership. These elected Directors will hold office for three (3) years and until their successor's are elected except where there may be a vacancy created by a board member who has been unable to fulfill their full term for some reason. In this case, the person elected shall be elected only to fulfill the unexpired term of the person they are replacing.

(C) The balance of the permitted number of Directors (one-third or less) may be selected and appointed by the President after the annual meeting, as ex-officio Directors to serve for a period of one year or for the balance of the fiscal year, whichever is less. These ex-officio Directors are to be considered for quorum purposes and have the power to vote.

(D) Any Director may succeed himself/herself in such office.

Section 3. The election of Directors shall take place at the annual meeting of members or, if not elected thereat, at a special meeting called for said purpose. Election shall be by written ballot, and those candidates receiving the largest number of votes cast shall be elected.

Section 4. In addition to the Directors elected as above provided, the retiring President of the Association shall automatically become an additional member of the Board, with power to vote, for a term of as many years as their successor serves as President.

Section 5. In the event a Director, during his or her term is elected to the office of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, upon taking office shall vacate their position as Director and a vacancy shall occur and such vacancy shall be filled pursuant to Section 7 of this Article.

Section 6. In case of any vacancy on the board of directors by death, resignation, disqualification, or other cause, the remaining Directors (by affirmative vote of a majority thereof) may elect a successor to fill the vacancy for the remainder of that fiscal year. A successor will then be elected by the membership at the next annual meeting to serve out the unexpired year(s) of the term of the Director who created the vacancy.

Section 7. Notification of the time and place of the regular monthly meeting of the Officers and Directors shall be given at least five (5) days preceding the meeting date, provided, however, that an emergency meeting may be called if two-thirds (2/3) of the Officers and Directors are present and unanimously decide that the meeting is necessary.

Section 8. A majority of the total number of both elected and appointed directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but if at any meeting of the Board there may be less than a quorum present, a majority of these present may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be present.

Section 9. At meeting of the Board of Directors, business shall be transacted in such order as the Board may determine.

Section 10. The written contracts of the Association shall be executed in behalf of the Association by the President or First Vice-President or Second Vice-President and attested by the Secretary.

Section 11. Each and/or any Director who is absent from two regular consecutive meetings without permission from the President or without adequate valid excuse may be placed on probation by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors voting on said issue or probation. A Director on probation must attend all remaining meetings in that fiscal year. Their failure to do so without a just excuse will demand their immediate replacement by the Board. Each elected or appointed director shall be required to work at least four (4) hours per year at an S.O.Q.H.A. sponsored event in order to retain their position. These hours must be performed in the period of time from January 1st through December 31st.

Section 12. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to make, amend, repeal and enforce such rules and regulations, not contrary to law or the Certificate of Incorporation and within the confines established by these By-Laws, as they may deem expedient concerning the conduct, management and activities of the Association, the admission, classification, suspension and expulsion of members, removal of officers, the roles and regulations governing the procedure of such suspension and expulsion and removal, the fixing and collecting of dues and fees, the conducting of shows, contests, exhibitions, races, sales and social functions and other details relating to the general purposes of the Association, all, however, subject to revision or amendment by the members at any membership meeting, provided the revision or amendment shall have been mailed to all members at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting.

Section 13. Honorary Directors are appointed.

(A) The President will appoint an honorary director chairman. Candidates for this recognition shall be nominated by the chairman and elected by a vote of the Board.

(B) There are no quotas to be filled each year, nor is there a limit to the total number of Honorary Directorships bestowed.

Section 14. Nomination of the Directors for election at the annual meeting of the members shall be as follows: The current Board of Directors, after hearing a report from the Nominating Committee, shall annually nominate a sufficient number of candidates for directors as are to be elected. A copy of these nominations shall be mailed to all members of the Association entitled to vote, or published in the official S.O.Q.H.A. news publication, at least six (6) weeks prior to the annual meeting. Any member entitled to vote, by written declaration, may nominate another member as a candidate for any of the elective Director's positions, such petition to be endorsed by ten (10) members of the Association entitled to vote and which petition shall be mailed to the Secretary postmarked at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. Such nominations shall be added to the official ballot and shall be voted on by the membership at the annual meeting.

Section 15. All members of the Board of Directors shall pay membership dues for the current year and in the event of the failure to do so, upon reasonable notice, shall be expelled from the Board and a vacancy created which will be filled pursuant to Section 7 of this Article.

Section 16. No individual shall be qualified to be elected or appointed to the Board of Directors of this Association unless they have been a member in good standing of the Association for at least one year prior to the date of the election.

Section 17. Executive Committee.

(A) An Executive Committee shall be selected at the first meeting of the Board of Directors in the fiscal year. Said Committee shall consist of the President and First Vice President and three other members of the Board of Directors. The three shall be selected by a majority vote. Each member shall hold office for such term of one year or until their successor is elected. Any member may be removed for cause by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors present at a regular monthly meeting. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the remainder of the term. In selection of Committee members, consideration should be given to availability to attend meetings on short notice if necessary.

(B) Organization: The President of the Association shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee as soon as possible after election, for the purpose of electing a chairman, who shall be a member other than the President of the Association, and such other officers as the Committee deems expedient.

(C) Meetings, Duties and Powers: The Executive Committee shall meet whenever called by the President, the Vice President or by any member thereof, with reasonable notice given. A Quorum shall consist of three or more members. The Committee may act, without convening in meeting, by written resolution signed by all the members thereof and duly entered in the Committee's minutes. The Committee may select others to perform duties, and may prescribe other rules and procedures at its discretion. The Executive Committee shall possess and exercise all the powers of the Board of Directors in matters considered sufficiently urgent or of any emergency nature that could not or should not be

reasonably delayed until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors; except that it shall not change the By-Laws, fill vacancies or authorize payment of, or obligate the Association for an unreasonably large sum of money. The Executive Committee may be used in an advisory capacity, as a study group or in capacity deemed expedient by the Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall record or cause to be recorded all the actions of the Committee and make a full report to the Board of Directors at the meeting subsequent to the Committee meeting. The Board of Directors may accept or reject any part of the action of the Committee or rescind any agreement, or void any obligation considered to be not in the best interest of the Association.

OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. All officers shall be elected by a majority of the member's casting votes at the election. The procedure for the election of officers shall be as follows: Nominations for President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be made annually by the current Board of Directors, after hearing a report from the Nominating Committee. A copy of these nominations shall be mailed to all members of the Association entitled to vote or published in the official S.O.Q.H.A. news publication at least six (6) weeks prior to the annual meeting. Any member, entitled to vote, by written declaration, may nominate another member as a candidate for any of the elective offices. The petition shall be endorsed by ten (10) members, entitled to vote, and shall be mailed to the Secretary postmarked at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting . These nominations shall be added to the official ballot and shall be voted on by the membership at the annual meeting and the candidate receiving the largest number of votes cast shall be elected. The President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall hold office for one (1) year and until their successors are elected and qualified. The Officers of the Association may succeed themselves in office. Only Directors and elected Officers shall have the right to vote at meetings of the Board of Directors. The President may vote only in the case of a tie.

Section 2. President: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall see that the By-Laws, rules, and regulations of the Association are enforced and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. He shall be ex-officio a member of all committees. The President, from time to time may create and empower other committees, general or special.

Section 3. Vice President: in the absence of the President, the First Vice President shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors and in the absence of the First Vice President, the Second Vice President shall so act.

Section 4. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all membership and Directors meetings. A report shall be made of all membership and Directors meetings. They shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Section 5. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall exercise the normal duties of Treasurer, including the duties to receive and disburse funds of the Association, to maintain adequate records thereof and to prepare appropriate reports of such funds and disbursements for presentation to the Board of Directors, and the membership, and prepare and file any and all necessary government (state, local, or federal) tax and reporting forms as required by law, Any disbursement from the funds of the Association shall require an invoice or receipt. All other requests for disbursement are subject to the majority vote approval of the Board of Directors. The board of Directors may also select one or more assistant treasurer as they shall deem necessary who shall assist in handling the funds and records of such funds and who shall be accountable to the Treasurer and to the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Fiscal Year: This Association shall conduct its affairs on the calendar year basis, same to begin January 1 and ending on the last day of December of the same year.

Section 7. The Treasurer and all other Officers of the Association who handle and/or have access to the funds of the Association shall be bonded in an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. An officer of the Association may be removed for cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present at a meeting called for such purpose. Written charges shall be served upon said Officer at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting of the Board at which removal proceedings are to be held, and he shall be permitted to attend such meeting and defend the charges against him.

Section 9. Vacancies occurring in any office, from any cause whatever, shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term thereof, except the Vice President shall succeed to the President, if that office becomes vacant.

Section 10. All Officers shall pay membership dues for the current year and in the event of the failure to do so, upon reasonable notice, shall be removed from office and a vacancy created which will be filled pursuant to Section 9 of this Article.

Section 11. No individual shall be qualified to be elected or appointed to any office of this Association unless they have been a member in good standing of the Association for at least one year prior to the date of the election. To be elected as an Officer of the Association, an individual must have served as a Director of the Association for at least one year prior to the date of election. Officers and Directors of the S.O.Q.HA. must be permanent residents of the area encompassed by the Association as defined in ARTICLE I, Section 3.

ARTICLE VII INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS & OTHERS

Section 1. The Directors, officers and other persons specified in Section 702.12(E) of the Ohio Revised Code shall be indemnified to the full extent and in the manner specified in Section 1702.12 (E).

ARTICLE VIII

RATIFICATION OF RULES OF SOUTHERN OHIO QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall have the right to ratify, amend and repeal all rules adopted by the S.O.Q.H.Y.A.

Section 2. Two adult advisers shall be appointed each year from the current officers and/or Board of Directors per ARTICLE VI of the S.O.Q.H.Y.A. By-Laws, Section 2 These adult advisers shall function in accordance with the S.O.Q.H.Y.A. By-Laws and Goals.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws can be changed only by a majority vote of the members present at a membership meeting after 30 days written notice and publication of the proposed change(s) to the members by mail or through the official S.O.Q.H.A. news publication.

ARTICLE X SOUTHERN OHIO POINT SYSTEM FOR ANNUAL AWARDS

Section 1. Owner or owners and rider and/or handler all must be members of the Southern Ohio Quarter Horse Association for the horse to receive points. The word owner as it is used on any occasion in this rule book denotes the person or organization whose name properly appears last on a horse's registration papers.

(A) For the Small Fry division only the exhibitor must be a SOQHA member to earn points

(B) In the event the horse is being shown on an AQHA Lease both the Owner and Exhibitor must be current members of the Southern Ohio Quarter Horse Association

Section 2. Youth Activity awards qualifications are covered in the Southern Ohio Quarter Horse Youth Association By-Laws.

Section 3. Beginning in calendar year 2012 and continuing until further amendment, only shows put on by SOQHA will be eligible for SOQHA points. Points are to count from the date on which the owner(s) and/or riders and/or handlers joined the S.O.Q.H.A. Only members in good standing are eligible for points and awards. The winner of an award must be a member in good standing at the termination of the point year.

(A) SOQHA may approve any Ohio Quarter Horse Association sponsored event, regardless of location, as long as it falls within the point earning year as described in Article X, Section 9.

Section 4. Southern Ohio Quarter Horse Association year end points are awarded on a 9 point scale. All points are awarded on the placing and never on the amount of money won.

(A) The system is as follows: For a class of nine (9) or more horses---First place horse shall receive nine (9) points. Second place horse shall receive eight (8) points. Third place seven (7) points, Fourth place (6) points, Fifth place five (5) points, Sixth place four (4) points, Seventh place three(3) points, Eighth place two (2) points, Ninth place one (1) point.

(B) In the event there are not nine (9) horses in the class, the winner shall not receive more points than there are horses: for example, in a class with eight (8) horses the winner shall receive eight (8) points. The same applies if there are seven (7), six (6), five (5) , four (4), three (3), two (2) or one (1) in a class.

(C) The Grand Champion of each sex division will be awarded one (1) more point than the winner having the greatest number in its respective sex division.

(D) The Reserve Champion of each sex division will receive one (1) less point than Grand Champion Horse in that class.

(E) Class such as Produce of Dam, Get of Sire, and Exhibitors group are additional classes, but no points are awarded for these.

Section 5. SOQHA will award a High Point All Around Award to Small Fry, Level 1 Youth, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14-18, Level 1 Amateur, Amateur and Select Amateur. A reserve will be awarded also. SOQHA will award an award for Performance Horse of the Year and Halter Horse of the Year.

(A) Small Fry, Level 1 Youth, Level 1 Amateur and Select Amateur High Point All Around

(aa) Must have earned no less than ten (10) points in each of at least two classes from the performance division

(B) Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14-18, and Amateur High Point All Around

(aa) Must have earned no less than ten (10) points in each of at least two classes from the performance division

(bb) Must have earned no less than ten (10) points in the Halter division

(C) The association shall give an award for Performance Horse of the Year.

To be eligible the horse must have received at least 10 SOQHA points halter and received at least 10 SOQHA in each of two different performance categories (all around categories are specified in the AQHA Rulebook) The award will be given to the horse earning the highest number of both Open halter and Open performance points. Not including Green points.

(d) The association shall give and award for Halter Horse of the Year. To be eligible the horse must have received at least 10 SOQHA points in halter. The award will be given to the horse earning the highest number of Open halter points.

Section 6. Points are not given in any type of Futurity/Stake Classes.

Section 7. All points toward the Southern Ohio Quarter Horse Association Championship shall be awarded only on the basis of the signed records of the show or contest, forwarded to the Point Secretary of the Southern Ohio Quarter Horse Association, by the management or sponsors of recognized shows and contests. These results must also be recognized by the American Quarter Horse Association.

Section 8. Stallion halter points will not follow the horse if he is gelded.

Section 9. The point earning year for SOQHA and SOQHYA annual awards shall be defined as the period of time from January 1 through December 31 of each year.

Section 10. S.O.Q.H.A will Approve Open, Amateur and Youth A.Q.H.A classes offered at S.O.Q.H.A. managed shows. S.O.Q.H.A. will present year end awards in those classes to the member in good standing who accumulate the most points during that year. Such classes must be conducted in accordance with current A.Q .H.A. and O.Q.H .A. rules, so no separate rules are established or required by S.O.Q.H .A.

Section 11. To be eligible for a year end award in a specific class, the class must be held at a minimum of five (5) different shows and a horse must accumulate a minimum of ten (10) S.O.Q.H.A. points regardless of the number of times shown.

Section 12. AQHA Introductory Shows will **not** be eligible for SOQHA points and year end awards unless said show is hosted by SOQHA.

ARTICLE XI

SOQHA Futurity Rules.

I. The SOQHA Futurity shall consist of nine (9) divisions to be shown in twenty-three (23) classes as follows:

- A. Weanling Division
 - 1. Filly Class
 - 2. Colt/Gelding Class
- B. Non-Pro Weanling Division
 - 1. Filly Class
 - 2. Colt/Gelding Class
- C. Yearling Division
 - 1. Mare Halter Class
 - 2. Stallion Halter Class
 - 3. Gelding Halter Class
 - 4. Lounge Line
- D. Non-Pro Yearling Division
 - 1. Mare Halter Class
 - 2. Stallion Halter Class
 - 3. Gelding Halter Class
 - 4. Lounge Line
- E. Two Year Old Halter Division
 - 1. Mare Halter Class
 - 2. Stallion Halter Class
 - 3. Gelding Halter Class
- F. Hunter under Saddle Performance Division
 - 1. Two & Three Year OldG. Non-Pro Hunter under Saddle Performance Division
 - 2. Two & Three Year Old
 - 3. Maturity

H. Western Pleasure Performance Division

1. Two Year Old Snaffle Bit
2. Three Year Old Snaffle Bit

I. Non-Pro Western Pleasure Division

1. Two Year Old Snaffle Bit
2. Three Year Old Snaffle Bit
3. Maturity Western Pleasure

II. Horse Eligibility

A. Only horses which are of the American Quarter Horse breed are eligible for participation.

B. All WEANLINGS must be eligible for registration with the AQHA in order to be eligible for the Futurity. A copy of both sides of the completed AQHA Registration Paper, Registration Application, or Breeders Certificate must be submitted before a horse will be permitted to be exhibited in a class.

C. All YEARLING and OLDER horses must be registered with the AQHA. A copy of both sides of the AQHA registration papers must be submitted with the first payment. Entries will not be deemed to be complete until the registration copy is received. Late fees may be levied in situations where the copies of the registration papers are received after payment due date.

D. Discrepancies in the information contained on the AQHA registration paper of a yearling which are filed with the futurity committee from the information which was filed for the same horse as a Weanling may result in disciplinary actions against the owner of the horse. In the case where ownership has been transferred, the disciplinary action will be taken against the owner who made the Weanling nomination. The disciplinary actions may include disqualification of the horse from the Futurity or the suspension of the membership of the owner.

E. Weanlings may be entered in classes in the WEANLING and/or the NON-PRO WEANLING Divisions. Weanling geldings are to be shown in the Weanling Colt/Gelding classes. Eligible Yearlings may enter classes in the YEARLING and/or NON-PRO YEARLING Divisions.

III. Owner and Exhibitor Eligibility

A. The owner and all part-owners of horses to be entered must be members in good standing of the SOQHA at the time of the first payment. Entries will not be processed until a current membership is obtained, Late fees may be assessed for entries submitted by an owner whose membership is obtained after the first payment due date,

B. Exhibitors must be members in good standing of the SOQHA before exhibiting the horse in a Futurity class, If the membership requirement is not met, the result may be the forfeiture of each class where the violation occurred.

C. Any owners, part-owners, or exhibitors who are suspended from the AQHA or the SOQHA will also be suspended from participation in the Futurity.

D. NON-PRO exhibitors must possess a current AQHA YOUTH or AMATEUR card, Verification of the AQHA status must be provided before the exhibitor will be permitted to enter the class at the show. The AQHA rules regarding the ownership of the horse exhibited by a Youth or Amateur will apply in the Non-Pro Divisions,

E. A change of ownership after the first or second payments are made will not affect eligibility in the Futurity provided the new owner satisfies the membership requirements. A copy of the AQHA Registration or copy of the AQHA Transfer Report must be submitted to the Futurity Committee, Membership in the SOQHA must be obtained by the new owner prior to the horse being exhibited in a Futurity class. Failure to comply may result in the disqualification of the horse.

IV. Entry Fees

A. The payment schedule will consist of one \$75 payment per class which will be paid at the time the entry is made during the weekend of the Futurity show (typically August month-end). Beginning in 2012, pre-entries are no longer required.

B. The entry of a horse into multiple Futurity classes will require the payment of the associated fees for each class.

C. No refunds of any fees will be made when a horse is withdrawn by an exhibitor or owner for ANY reason. If notified prior to the show, the Futurity Chairperson may allow substitutions due to unavoidable circumstances.

D. The transfer or addition of classes for a horse which has been entered into the Futurity will be permitted. However, penalty fees may be assessed if the addition or transfer occurs after the specified payment due dates.

V. Awards

A. All entry fees are jack-potted by class and paid back to the winners of the class. The SOQHA will withhold 15% of the entry fees to offset expenses. The purses for each class will be divided based upon the number of entries in the class.

#of Entries	#of Places Paid	Percentages
1	1	100%
2	2	60-40%
3	3	50-30-20%
4-6	4	40-30-20-10%
7-9	5	35-25-20-13-7%
10-12	6	30-24-18-12-9-7%
13-15	7	29-23-15-11-9-7-6%
16-18	8	28-22-13-10-9-7-6-5%
19-21	9	27-21-12-10-9-8-6-4-3%
22+	10	25-20-12-10-8-7-6-5-4-3%

B. A first place award will be presented to the winner of each class. Ribbons will be awarded for the first through tenth places.

C. Earning will be paid to the AQHA registered owner of the horse based upon the records of the Futurity Committee. There will be no exceptions.

VI. Judging

A. All classes will be judged by two judges unless otherwise specified. Classes will be judged in accordance with AQHA rules unless otherwise specified. The Lounge line classes will be judged according to current NSBA rules unless otherwise specified.

B. Owners, exhibitors, and horses may be disqualified for failure to comply with AQHA or NSBA rules. Disqualification from a class will result in forfeiture of any placing awards.

C. Placing will be tabulated using the point system whereby both judges' placings will be combined and counted with equal value. Before each class, one of the judges will be designated as a tie breaker for that class.

D. The decisions of the judges are final. Any discrepancy in the rules will be addressed by the Futurity Committee with the best interest of the Futurity and all its participants in mind.

E. A Futurity and an AQHA class may be combined at the discretion of the SOQHA. When this occurs, entry into the associated AQHA class will be required.

VII. The Futurity rules are not subject to ARTICLE IX, Section 1, as alterations may be required from time to time to affect a more meaningful event. Any changes or alterations must be approved by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting and communicated to all SOQHA members.

VIII. SOQHA STALLION BREEDING SERVICE PROGRAM - **Beginning in 2012, this program is suspended until further notice.**

ARTICLE XII SOQHA QUEEN'S CONTEST

The SOQHA will hold an annual competition to determine who will represent the Association as Queen. The Queen will be crowned at the SOQHA Year-end Awards Banquet and will serve a one (1) year term, The candidates must meet the following qualifications:

- (1) Must be a member in good standing of the SOQHA.
- (2) Must be a young lady between the age of 18 and 25,
- (3) Must be single and never married.
- (4) Must complete and submit an application to the SOQHA Queen

Committee chairperson by November 1.

(5) Must submit a resume which includes a summary of scholastic achievements, activities, personal achievements, future plans and goals.

The competition will consist of:

(A) A written exam based upon the AQHA Handbook and the SOQHA Handbook, and the American Quarter Horse in general.

(B) A Horsemanship competition.

(c) A personal interview.

The written exam and the Horsemanship competition will each represent 25% while the personal interview will represent 50% of the final score for each candidate. In the case of a tie, the scores on the personal interview will be used to determine the winner.

The SOQHA Queen candidates will have the following duties during the calendar year they are SOQHA Queen:

(1) To attend and help work at the SOQHA Shows.

a. The Madness & The SOQHA Futurity being mandatory

(2) Meet together with the Queens Committee to design and participate with fund raising activities for the Queen's Contest.

(3) Meet the members of SOQHA and better understand the association prior to representing it.

- The SOQHA Queen will have the following ~~duties and~~ responsibilities:

- (1) Be a positive representative of the SOQHA and the American Quarter Horse industry in general.
- (2) Participate in the Year-end Awards presentations.
- (3) Send Thank You notes to sponsors of the Queen's Contest, and promote them and/or their products throughout her reigning year.
- (4) Help at as many SOQHA sponsored shows as possible.
- (5) Attend a minimum of 2 Officers and Directors meetings during her reigning year.
- (7) Represent the SOQHA in the OQHA Quarter Horse Congress Queen Competition.
- (8) Participate in the crowning of the next Queen at the SOQHA Year-end Awards Banquet.

SOQHA will financially support the Queen as she represents the Association at Congress, by paying for:

- (a) A single page color ad for the Congress Program.
- (b) Her hotel room during the competition.
- (c) Reimburse her up to \$1,000 for expenses incurred by competing at Congress; photographer, evening gown, photos, cocktail outfit, etc ... with proper receipts.

At the end of her reigning year, if the Queen has met and fulfilled all of her duties to the satisfaction of the Queen's Committee, SOQHA shall award a \$1,000 scholarship in appreciation for her positive representation of the Southern Ohio Quarter Horse Association.

*If the Queen does NOT fulfill her duties as deemed by the Queen's Committee, no scholarship will be awarded. The Queen's Committee will remain impartial and fair in their decision, In the event a Queen cannot complete her term, the first runner-up will assume the responsibilities as the SOQHA Queen. The SOQHA reserves the right to make modifications to these guidelines as the Board of Directors deem necessary.

ARTICLE XIII SOQHA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The SOQHA shall award scholarship monies each calendar year. The Scholarship Committee will determine the number and amount of scholarships to be awarded. The scholarships will be awarded to chosen students with college expenses in reward for past participation in SOQHA activities and the continuing promotion of the American Quarter Horse. The recipients will be chosen by committee and presented to the SOQHA Board of Directors for approval. Scholarships can be awarded/renewed a maximum of 5 times to any individual. All applications (both new and renewals) are due by **February 15**. Applicants must complete hours and turn in Transcripts by **July 1** of the current year. Interviews will be conducted at the Madness Show. Applicants will be contacted by phone or email to schedule a time for the interview.

Scholarships will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- 1) Current member in good standing as well as a member for the previous two years.
- 2) Completion of application and copy of transcript.
- 3) Applicants must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA and be a full-time student. (A copy of your most recent report card should be sent in with application.)
- 5) Personal interview for new applicants.

Applicants must fulfill one of the following work hour/meeting requirements.

OPTIONS:

8 hours work at an SOQHA hosted show with 0 SOQHA meetings.

7 hours work at an SOQHA hosted show with 1 SOQHA meeting.

6 hours work at an SOQHA hosted show with 2 SOQHA meetings.

(One meeting must be an adult meeting)

Hours/meetings are to be documented by SOQHA Time Cards and initialed by a SOQHA officer at the time they are fulfilled.

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