

WELCOME!

Dear new Youth Members and Parents,

Welcome to the Western New York Quarter Horse Youth Club! Our principle purpose and objective is to improve and develop the capabilities of youth, both individually and through group participation, in the breeding, raising, and exhibition of the American Quarter Horse.

This packet is designed to introduce you to the Youth Club and to answer any questions you may have. Contained in this packet are some forms that you will need to fill out and return to the club advisor, Virginia Beaton. These forms include: information sheet, Photo Permission form, and Show Point forms. You will also find information about Youth Club policies including the attendance, fundraising, show awards, and 5 Star Program policies.

We hope that you will learn and grow while a member of the WNY Quarter Horse Youth Club. The experiences and friends you make while a youth member will hopefully last a lifetime.

Please feel free to contact any of the Youth Club advisors with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

The Western New York Quarter Horse Youth Club

WESTERN NEW YORK QUARTER HORSE YOUTH CLUB

Mission Statement

The youth club shall have the following as its principle purpose and objectives:

- To improve and develop the capabilities of youth, both individually, and through group participation, in the breeding, raising, and exhibition of the American Quarter Horse
- To develop and improve scholarship, leadership, community interest, initiative, self-reliance, high moral character, sportsmanship, and other desirable traits of character for young horse enthusiasts
- To encourage safety and education through the teaching and learning of horsemanship
- To instill an appreciation for and promote the rights and welfare of horses
- To introduce youth members to the parent organization, the Western New York Quarter Horse Club, Inc.

Membership qualifications—Any interested youth (regardless of the state or county of residence) shall be eligible for membership in the Youth Club, provided s/he is eighteen years of age or under as of January 1 of the year for which membership is applied.

YOUTH CLUB POLICIES

FUNDRAISING POLICY

Throughout the year we offer a variety of fundraisers for our youth members to participate in. These fundraisers raise money for our general fund which goes to paying for our year-end party, awards, and other activities. Each youth club member is required to participate in two fundraisers geared towards raising money for our general fund. The general funds helps to pay for year-end awards and the year-end party. These have included donating baskets at our banquet and shows, candle sales, flower sales, and raffle ticket sales. We try to come up with new ideas for our fundraising so that we have new products that people will be interested in buying (if you have any ideas please feel free to bring them up!).

In addition to our general fund, members may fundraise for their own individual accounts to pay for trips or other activities we organize that are not covered by our general fund. In the past we have gone to the Syracuse Invitational Horse Show and we are always looking for ideas that will be fun for our members.

If members wish to qualify for any Show Awards, they are required to complete the necessary general fund fundraising.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Members must remain active in the Youth Club to qualify for Youth Club year-end awards. This means that youth members must attend 4 Youth Club meetings. These meetings are held the hour before the main club meeting, unless otherwise specified. (To qualify for main club awards, it is also required to attend 4 main club meetings. This means that Youth Club members must be signed in at BOTH the Youth Club and main meetings.) Participating or volunteering at Western New York Quarter Horse Club sponsored shows will also count as a main club meeting credit. These shows include (but are not limited to) the Stagecoach show, Candy Apple, and WNYQHCI Open Show.

YOUTH SHOW AWARD POLICY

Every year at our year-end banquet we hand out awards to our youth members based on the points they accumulate during open shows. These points can be earned in any show from March to October. To qualify for one of the divisions, member must place in the division during at least four different shows. An Open Show Result Form needs to be filled out at each show. Information to be included on these forms include: the class, placing, and how many in the class. The form also needs to be signed by the Show Secretary (or person who can verify the classes and placings). All forms must also have the place or name of the show and the date. Forms can be submitted one at a time or all at once, but forms must be submitted to Virginia by October 20 for points to count.

To qualify for Youth Club year-end awards, youth club members must attend at least 4 Youth Club meetings and complete the necessary fundraising. To qualify for main club awards, youth club members must attend at least 4 main club meetings. The Youth Club awards and main club awards are two separate award programs although the same point form can be used for both.

5 STAR PROGRAM

In order to help facilitate our purpose and objective, we have a 5 Star Program to help youth members increase their knowledge of horses and confidence in horsemanship. The 5 Star Program will test members each year at various levels of their knowledge of horses. Part of the Youth Club meetings will be devoted to helping members learn and prepare for level evaluation. Members will be tested on parts of a horse, tack, and general knowledge in the early levels to recognizing general health issues, basic riding techniques and explaining them in later levels. As members pass each level, they will receive an award at the year-end banquet to recognize their accomplishments.

To help them prepare for each level, members will be given handouts and worksheets so it is a good idea for each member to have a folder to keep all their 5 Star information in, as well as general Youth Club information.

This is a new program that we started at the end of 2011, so it is still relatively to us as well, but we will update you as we get new information.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The main club offers a scholarship to Youth Members who are interested in going off to college. If you are interested please see the Scholarship Committee for more information. The Scholarship is not in conjunction with the Youth Club.

YOUTH CLUB OFFICER DUTIES

President:

- Run meetings
- Present Youth Club minutes at main club meetings

Vice President:

- Run meetings when President is absent
- Present Youth Club minutes at main club meetings when President is absent
- Assist and support President and Director

Director:

- In charge of following up with committees

Secretary:

- Attendance/ Youth Club member info
- Notices and announcements
- Minutes

Treasurer:

- Work with advisor on setting up fundraisers
- Collect fundraiser monies, order forms, raffle tickets at meetings, check off list of members participating, and hand into advisor

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MEMBER INFORMATION

I have a WNYQHCI family membership, and wish to participate in the WNY Youth Club. My parent and I have read over the Youth Club Information pack and understand what is required of me as a Youth Club Member.

Youth Member Name: _____

Youth Member's Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: _____

Western New York Quarter Horse Club, Inc.

Permission to Post Photos

There are many events at the Western New York Quarter Horse Youth Club, Inc. and we would like to post photos that include children on the website.

To post such photos the Western New York Quarter Horse Youth Club, Inc. needs prior permission from a parent or guardian.

___ Yes, I give permission for my child(ren)'s photos to be posted on the Western New York Quarter Horse Club, Inc. website. I hereby release the Western New York Quarter Horse Youth Club, Inc. and the Western New York Quarter Horse Club, Inc. from all and any liability and legal or equitable claims of any kind related to such being published on the web site. I understand that they may be identified by name only.

___ No, I would prefer not to have my child's photos shared on the web site.

I understand that, at any time, I can rescind my permission by sending a written request to the Secretary of the Western New York Quarter Horse Club, Inc.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Print Children's Name(s)

Age



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~ OPEN HORSE SHOW AWARD ~

Any youth member interested in qualifying for the Open Horse Show Year-end Award should complete this form and return it to your Youth Club Advisor. All rules for participation in this award include rules set in club bylaws for open show award program.

In order to qualify to receive the Youth Club Open Horse Show Award each Youth **MUST**:

1. Have a family membership and indicate the member who is to be included in the Youth Club.
2. Participate in fundraisers by participating in at least two (2) fundraisers (i.e. product sales, raffle sales, etc.)
3. Attend four monthly **youth club meetings** between January 1, 2013 and November 30, 2013.
4. Compete in the qualifying open horse shows with a registered Quarter Horse and earn points to qualify.
5. Have a parent and trainer sign and OK the set plans for the horse shows.

Paperwork must be turned in **before** points begin to count.

Awards will be presented to: Top two youth from each Junior/Youth Walk-Trot and Walk-Trot-Canter division, cannot cross divisions and can only qualify in one division:

Division I

English Equitation
Western Equitation
English Showmanship
Western Showmanship
Western Pattern Pleasure
Hunter Hack
Pole Bending
Straight Barrels

Division II *NEW* English/Western combine Leadline

English Pleasure (Hunter Under Saddle)
Western Pleasure
English Halter
Western Halter
Western Command
Working Hunter (points will be counted in one height only)
Cloverleaf Barrels
Keyhole

***Points will be awarded for Junior or Youth, and Walk-Trot and Walk-Trot-Canter classes only with the exception of halter. If no youth class is available, open halter will apply.

A member is limited to one award. In the event a member earns the highest points in more than one division, the award will be given for the division with the highest number of points.

Points system will follow the WNY Quarter Horse Club Open Show Point System (**Except Halter—only regular points will be given. No grand & reserve extra points.**)

Forms must be returned to the Youth Club Advisor.

Youth Signature

Youth Printed Name

Date

Parent Signature

Parent Printed Name

Date



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~ **REGISTERED HORSE SHOW AWARD** ~

Any youth member interested in qualifying for the Horse Show Award should complete this form and return it to your Youth Club Advisor.

In order to qualify to receive the Horse Show Award each Youth **MUST**:

1. Have a family membership and indicate the member who is to be included in the Youth Club.
2. Participate in fundraisers by participating in at least two (2) fundraisers (i.e. product sales, raffle sales, etc.)
3. Attend four monthly **youth club meetings** between January 1, 2013 and November 30, 2013.
4. Compete in the qualifying horse shows and earn points to qualify.
5. Have a parent and trainer sign and OK the set plans for the horse shows.

Paperwork must be turned in **before** points begin to count.

Show dates to be pointed are: (all shows pending club approval)

April 11-14

April 18-21

Candy Apple Classic, August 3-4

Erie County Fair, August 7-10

Awards will be presented to: Top two youth from each division for each category, cannot cross divisions and can only qualify in one division:

Division I

Trail

Working Hunter

Western Pleasure

Hunter Hack

Halter—Youth***

Division II

Showmanship at Halter

Western Horsemanship

Hunt Seat Equitation

Hunter Under Saddle

Equitation Over Fences

English/Western Combined Leadline

*** This will count as a novice youth class for novice division

A member is limited to one award. In the event a member earns the highest points in more than one division/category, the award will be given for the youth category first, then the novice category and then within category, the division with the highest number of points.

Points system will follow the Western New York Quarter Horse Club Open Show Point System.

Forms must be returned to the Youth Club Advisor.

Youth Signature

Youth Printed Name

Date

Parent Signature

Parent Printed Name

Date

Western New York Quarter Horse Club, Inc.
OPEN SHOW RESULT FORM

Horse's Registered Name _____ Stallion [] Mare [] Gelding []
 AQHA Registration Number _____ Year Foaled _____
 Rider's Name _____ Phone _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____
 Address _____
 Horse Owner's Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 Name/Location of Show _____ Date of Show _____

<i>Name of Class</i>	<i>Placing</i>	<i># of Entries in Class</i>	<i>WNYQHCI Open Show Division</i>	<i>WNYQHCI Use Only</i>

Horse Show Secretary's Signature

Name of Horse Show Secretary (please print)

Date

Rider's Signature

Date

Submit this form at the conclusion of each Open Show. Include copy of horse's AQHA Registration papers with first Results Form submitted. Unsigned or incomplete forms will not be accepted.

Send form to WNYQHCI Point Keeper no later than October 20 for points to count.

