

OREGON QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED: BY-LAWS

Mission Statement

The mission of the Oregon Quarter Horse Association, Inc. is:

- To provide beneficial services to our members which enhance and encourage Quarter Horse ownership and participation.
- To generate growth of the Oregon Quarter Horse Association and the American Quarter Horse Association membership via promotion, advertising, and publicity of the American Quarter Horse.
- To uphold the rules of the American Quarter Horse Association and to promote the Quarter Horse industry.

Oregon Quarter Horse Association (OQHA) Disclaimer for Responsibility of Safety

Oregon Quarter Horse Association (OQHA) does not assume responsibility for safety of participants at the events approved by the OQHA Board of Directors. Participants and spectators are solely responsible for his or her safety and the safety of their animals.

THE OREGON QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME.

The name of the association shall be the Oregon Quarter Horse Association, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as "OQHA" or the Association.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE.

Section 1: Non-profit. The OQHA shall be operated and conducted as a 501(C) (5) non-profit organization in accordance with the laws of the State of Oregon.

Section 2: Founded. OQHA was founded in 1957 and incorporated by the State of Oregon on 5/15/1957.

Section 3: Purpose. The purpose of the OQHA is to educate the public and promote the Quarter Horse industry in the State of Oregon. OQHA will sponsor horse shows, trail rides and other events, and will provide services to its membership as approved by the Board of Directors. Its objective shall be to promote the interests of Quarter Horses in all ways, to increase the number of breeders in the area served by the OQHA and to do any and all things necessary to advance the prosperity of the breed and its breeders.

The OQHA recognizes the youth and amateur divisions, known as the Oregon Quarter Horse Youth Association (OQHYA) and the Oregon Quarter Horse Amateur Division (OQHAD), as the official affiliate representing the youth and amateur members of OQHA. The OQHA Board of Directors must also approve any additions or changes to the By-laws, Rules or Regulations, which are adopted by the OQHYA and OQHAD. The OQHA shall at all times operate within the guidelines of the American Quarter Horse Association.

The current rules and regulations governing the American Quarter Horse Association, hereinafter referred to as AQHA shall apply, except as noted herein.

Section 4: Place of Business. The place of business shall be within the geographic boundaries of the State of Oregon, and all other locations as approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 5: Corporate Seal. The corporate seal of the OQHA shall be in the charge of the Secretary and President of the Association.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES.

Section 1: Membership. Any person or entity having a sincere interest in Quarter Horses shall be qualified for membership of this Association. Written application accompanied by the membership fee for the current year. Membership shall not be limited to natural persons, but may include corporations, firms, institutions of learning, executors, administrators, trustees of families, and riding clubs.

Section 2: Payment of Fees. Proper receipts or membership cards shall be issued within 30 days of payment of fees. A notice to members of fees payable shall be sent to members at their last known address not less than thirty (30) days prior to the first day of January of each year.

Section 3: Annual Membership Fee. Each applicant shall pay an annual membership fee for regular membership. Memberships expire each year on December 31st. Members applying for reinstatement after being dropped from membership for any cause shall pay the annual membership fee.

Section 4: Member Conduct. A member can be reprimanded, suspended, or expelled from membership at the discretion of the Board of Directors for the following reasons: (a) unsportsmanlike conduct or action detrimental to the Association; or (b) knowingly and willfully violating the rules and regulations of this Association.

Section 5: Expulsion Hearing. When any member of this Association is accused of any of the violations constituting grounds for expulsion, as herein above provided, the Board of Directors shall cause a written notice to be served upon such accused member ten (10) days before the proposed hearing, stating the person, firm or corporation accusing the member, the charges and specifications against the accused, and the time and place of the hearing. The Board of Directors shall require the accuser to post a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 with the Treasurer thirty (30) days before the date of the hearing. The Board of Directors shall require the accuser to offer evidence in support of the charges, including specifications, at the time and place of the hearing. Equal opportunity will be provided to the accused member to offer evidence to refute such charges. When the accused and the accuser have presented evidence, the Board of Directors shall vote for or against the expulsion of the accused member.

Section 6: AQHA Suspension or Expulsion. Any member expelled by the AQHA shall be automatically expelled by this Association and shall forfeit all rights to any awards and/or property of the Association.

Section 7: Request for Review. Upon request of a review, any suspended or expelled member may be reinstated by receiving a majority vote of approval by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV: DIRECTORS.

Section 1: Property. The business and property of the OQHA shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors and other persons as approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the President, Vice-President and a minimum of seven (7) or a maximum of ten (10) Directors elected from the membership (and other persons as the Board of Directors deems necessary). The term of office of each Director shall be two (2) years. The President and Vice President shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. There will be a term limit of two (2) consecutive terms for the position of President. Upon a vote of the OQHA Board of Directors, the President can serve one (1) additional year, if the Vice President or any current Board member will not accept the office of President and the President shall be elected by the general membership. At the start of a term of office, each Officer and Director will be required to sign a code of ethics. The signed code of ethics will be retained by the OQHA Secretary.

Section 3: Salaries. The compensation for the Secretary or any other employee of the Association shall be set by the Board of Directors.

Section 4: Qualifications of Officers and Directors.

- A.** To be eligible for an elective position in the Association (OQHA), at the time of nomination, the nominee must be a paid member in good standing with the OQHA and AQHA.
- B.** Prior to election, all nominees must sign the OQHA Conflict of Interest Policy and provide full written disclosure, relationships and holdings that could potentially result in a conflict of interest.
- C.** To be eligible to serve as President of the OQHA, a nominee shall be an officer or current member of the Board of Directors, having served at least one year on the Board of Directors.
- D.** At the conclusion of the term of President, the individual will receive a life membership to OQHA and a free stall at all OQHA sponsored shows for 1 year.

Section 5: Privilege.

It is a privilege, not a right to serve on the Board of Directors. Throughout his/her tenure, a Director is required to:

- A.** Remain an OQHA and AQHA member in good standing.
- B.** Adhere to OQHA and AQHA rules and regulations pertaining to membership conduct.
- C.** Conduct themselves in an exemplary manner such as to favorably reflect on the Board of Directors, OQHA, and AQHA.
- D.** Refrain from conduct that is detrimental to the interests of OQHA and AQHA, its programs, policies, objectives and harmonious relationship of its members.
- E.** A Director's conduct is subject to continual review, and a Director's service on the Board of Directors may be terminated or rejected by the Board of Directors with or without notice and formal hearing.

Article V: Executive Committee Roles and Responsibilities.

Section 1. Composition. There shall be an Executive Committee composed of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and One At-large Member (Who is a voting member of the Board of Directors. This member is selected and confirmed by the Board of Directors) and the OQHA Executive Secretary (as a non-voting member).

Section 2. Duties. Between meetings of the Board of Directors, this committee shall exercise the ordinary functions and powers of the Board. The Executive Committee shall meet only if necessary and as directed by the President with notice to the Board of Directors. The President will act as the chair. The Executive Committee shall NOT make any financial decisions or rule changes without consent and vote of the Board. When needed or requested, the Executive Committee shall seek a vote from the Board of Directors in one of the following manner via email, phone or at a meeting. The Executive Committee will recap discussion at each subsequent regular meeting of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee may choose to obtain advice and assistance from legal, accounting or other advisors. The Board of Directors shall approve consultants and advisors and any associated fees and other related terms.

Section 3. Quorum and Voting. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be a majority of its full membership in person or by phone. Business of the Executive Committee shall be conducted in the same procedural manner as the Board of Directors. If at any meeting of the Executive Committee there shall be less than a quorum present, the voting members of the Executive Committee present may adjourn the meeting until a quorum is obtained.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

Section 1: President. The President shall be elected to a term of one year by the general membership. The President shall establish the committees necessary to facilitate the smooth operation of the OQHA. He or she shall appoint a chairperson for each committee, one of which shall be the Treasurer. The President shall sign all approved records and proceedings of the Board of Directors. The President shall have no veto power and shall sign all rules and regulations passed by the Board of Directors. The President shall be chairman of the Board of Directors and preside over its deliberations. He or she shall have a vote on all questions before it. He or she shall have authority and responsibility to preserve order and to enforce the rules and regulations of the Board of Directors. At the time of the elections, when a new president is installed, the outgoing president will serve as ex-officio member of the Board of Directors, with one vote, until such time as the presiding president is replaced by vote.

Section 2: Vice-President. The Vice-President shall assist the President with the coordination and administration of the by-laws, rules and regulations. In the absence, disability, or inability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform duties and exercise powers of the President.

Section 3: Treasurer. The President shall appoint the office of Treasurer from the current members of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall serve as official financial officer of the OQHA and keep an accurate record of the treasury and supervise payment of bills approved by the Board of Directors. In the Treasurer's absence, the President shall designate an Acting Treasurer who shall have all authority and duties of the Treasurer.

Section 4: Acting Chairman. In the event both the President and Vice-President are absent from a meeting, the Board of Directors shall appoint an Acting Chair to preside at that meeting.

Section 5: Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) or a maximum of ten (10) members as elected from the general membership. The Board of Directors shall adapt rules and regulations for governing of its members and proceedings. Each member shall have one vote where called for at all OQHA proceedings.

Section 6: OQHA Amateur Division President and OQHA Youth Advisor.

A. The OQHA Amateur Division President shall be elected from the Amateur division membership on a separate ballot each year.

B. The Youth Advisor will be appointed by the OQHA President.

C. The Amateur Division President and Youth Advisor shall have one vote each. These voting members will be included as voting members in regard to a quorum.

Section 7: Secretary. The Secretary shall serve as official non-voting clerk of the Board of Directors, attend all meetings (unless excused by the President), will keep an accurate record of its proceedings, will perform all secretarial duties required for the smooth operation of the organization and other duties as assigned. The Secretary shall receive a compensation paid by the Association as set by the Board of Directors. The Secretary may be replaced by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII: FISCAL YEAR AND MEETINGS.

Section 1: Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the association shall begin December 1 and end November 31 of each year.

Section 2: Meetings.

A. The Board of Directors shall hold a regular meeting at a time and place which it designates.

B. The President, upon his or her own motion, or at the request of five (5) members, may call an executive session and/or special meeting of the Board of Directors for a time not earlier than three (3) nor later than forty-eight (48) hours after the notice is given.

C. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time by the consent of the majority of the Board of Directors.

D. By the September Directors meeting, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of three (3) to prepare a slate of candidates for each office and vacancy for Directorships. This slate shall be announced at the October Directors meeting. Additional candidates from the floor will be accepted for each position at the Annual Membership meeting.

Section 3: Quorum. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for business, but a smaller number may meet and compel the attendance of absent members by written proxy, phone or electronic communication. Board members living out of state, or at a distance greater than two hours from the location of the board meeting or have an emergency work or family conflict, are permitted to use phone communication. All other voting Board Members are required to be present. At the next Board meeting (s) the absent Board Members will sign a written record verifying their votes and the Secretary will keep a written record.

Section 4: Minutes. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Organization. Upon request of a member, the ayes and nays regarding will be noted and a record of the vote entered in the minutes.

Section 5: Meetings.

A. All deliberations and proceedings of the Board of Directors shall be public with the exception of Executive sessions.

B. The membership shall be notified of an Executive session, (including topic). The Board of Directors is limited to discussion about that issue only. The Secretary shall hold the sealed minutes of an Executive session.

Section 6: Annual Meetings.

A. An Annual Meeting of the Association for the nomination of officers and the transaction of business shall be held each year at a date, time and place which is set by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall give notice to all members of the Association at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting date. Notice will be sent by first class mail to their last known address or email notification to member's last known email address.

B. At the Annual Meeting, a quorum at the annual meeting shall consist of fifteen members in good standing if due notice has been given.

C. Following the Annual Membership Meeting, the Secretary shall send each member in good standing a ballot of candidates for each office and vacant Directors position. The members shall vote this ballot and return it to the Secretary. Ballots will be sent by first class mail to their last known address or by email notification to member's last known email address. A Tally Committee will be appointed by the President to count and verify the votes. In the event of a tie, the Tally Committee shall break the tie by drawing the name of the winner out of a hat. Results shall be announced at the January Directors meeting, with the names of the new Directors becoming a part of the minutes of the January meeting. A list of Officers and Directors to serve the following year shall be published on the OQHA Web page.

D. Financial statements will be available at the Annual membership meeting. Financial statements are available at any time by contacting the Treasurer.

Section 7: Roberts Rules of Order. All matters not specifically covered in these By-laws will be dealt with under "Roberts Rules of Order: The Standard Guide to Parliamentary Procedure".

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS.

Section 1: By-law Changes. At the annual membership meeting of the OQHA, the By-laws may be amended, modified, repealed, or new By-laws may be adopted, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all voting members present.

Section 2: Notice to members. The By-laws may be modified and/or amended by giving notice to the members by mail or email of the proposed changes which the Board of Directors has passed. Changes shall be effective thirty days after they have been published unless the OQHA Board of Directors has received objections which have been signed by at least fifty (50) members in good standing regarding any or all portions of the changes. Objections shall be in the form provided in the notice.

ARTICLE IX: INDEMNIFICATION.

Section 1: Right of Indemnification. The Association shall indemnify each of its Directors, Officers, employees and committee members whether or not then in service as such, against all reasonable expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him or her in connection with the defense of any litigation to which the individual may have been a part because he/she was a Director, Officer, employee or committee member of this Association. However the individual shall have no right to reimbursement, in relation to matters in which he or she has been judged liable to the Association. This includes negligence, misconduct, bad faith gross negligence, or reckless disregard for the duties of his/her office or employment. The right to indemnity for expense shall also apply to expenses related to lawsuits which are comprised or settled if the Court of Jurisdiction of these matter shall approve such settlement. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be an addition to, and not exclusive of, all other rights which such director, officer or employee may be entitled.

Section 2: Litigation. If any member institutes litigation in which the Association is included as a defendant in an effort to recover damages, to overturn enforcement or interpretation of the By-laws or Rules and Regulations, or for any other reason whatsoever, and does not prevail in said litigation by the recovery of all relief requested, member shall be liable to the Association for the Associations fees, costs of court and other expenses incurred in connection with such litigation. Venue for any litigation which includes the Association shall be the County of the Association headquarters.

ARTICLE X: VACANCIES IN OFFICES

An office shall be deemed vacant upon the incumbent's death, adjudicated incompetence, resignation or upon the incumbent's ceasing to possess the qualifications necessary for his/her office. Any member of the Board of Directors who have a total of four unexcused absences from Board of Directors meetings during their term of office, provided he or she has been given due notice of the time and place of the meeting, shall be subject to removal by action (or vote) of the Board of Directors. An absence requires notification to the President or Secretary prior to the meeting. The Board of Directors will appoint another member to fill the vacancy. The newly-appointed Director will hold that position for the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE XI: BENEFICIARY

Upon dissolution or final liquidation of this corporation and after payment or satisfaction of its liabilities and obligations, all of the assets of the Association shall be transferred, conveyed, and given to the Oregon State University Horse Research Center. No assets shall be paid to any member or members of this corporation by reason of their membership herein.

STANDING RULES AND REGULATIONS

MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES

1. As reciprocal assistance to OQHA for privilege of membership, participation in approved events and ownership of an American Quarter Horse, OQHA, AQHA and the American Quarter Horse Foundation may use any photograph or other form of likeness reproduction of a member, event participant, horse owner, or their horses and registered equine names, to promote OQHA and AQHA's objectives and activities including but not limited to, use by third parties with authorization from OQHA. Members also agree that OQHA may provide mailing list information to third parties (eg, corporate partners) with authorization from OQHA.
2. Membership fees must be paid by April 1 each year in order to accumulate points towards a year-end award. Points will not be tabulated until the membership fees have been paid. Points earned prior to the payment of fees will not be included in the total points
3. All members while in good standing shall have equal rights, interest and responsibilities (in regard to) or with respect to the Association and its property. All members shall have the right to vote in person or by proxy at all membership meetings and to hold office and committee assignments, except as otherwise limited.
4. One membership shall be entitled to one vote, and shall be entitled to hold one office.
5. OQHA Comment Policy: OQHA's Facebook pages and other Web properties are intended as interactive forums where fans of the American Quarter Horse can gather information and take part in an open discussion about the products and services of OQHA/AQHA as well as the equine industry in general. While OQHA appreciates healthy debates on our Facebook pages and our other Web properties, please keep your comments civil in tone. OQHA will not tolerate personal attacks, profanity or offensive language. OQHA will not remove comments simply because OQHA disagrees, OQHA does reserve the right to delete inappropriate or threatening posts and report them to Facebook if deemed necessary.

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

1. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP.

- A. Family membership includes two adult memberships (and two votes) and one child membership. The child must be enrolled in the youth division by request of the parents. Additional children may be enrolled at \$5.00 each.
- B. Children to be enrolled in the youth division do not have a vote and can not hold a committee assignment, but are eligible for any awards under the OQHA award system.
- C. A family membership, registered as the husband and wife is required for year-end awards and to register as an Oregon Bred horse.
- D. The age of the applicants shall be determined by their age on January 1 of that qualifying year and shall be maintained throughout the entire year.
- E. The membership fee is \$55.00

2. JOINT MEMBERSHIP.

- A. Joint membership is two adult memberships and two votes for adults living in the same household.
- B. The membership fee is \$70.00

3. SINGLE MEMBERSHIP.

- A. One adult membership and one vote. It may be one natural name, or one ranch, company, corporation, group or syndicate. A Group membership is entitled to one vote, representation or spokesperson. For year-end awards and to register an Oregon Bred, horses registered in a partnership require a single membership for each individual.
- B. The membership fee is \$50.00

4. YOUTH MEMBERSHIP (OQHYA).

- A. The OQHYA membership is for members 18 years and under. They have no vote nor are they able to serve on a committee assignment in OQHA.

B. The age of the applicant shall be determined by his or her age on January 1 of that year and shall be maintained throughout the entire year

C. The membership fee is \$45.00

5. AMATEUR DIVISION (OQHAD).

A. The OQHAD membership is in addition to a family/single/joint OQHA membership.

B. Points for any Amateur Division sponsored awards are tabulated only after OQHA membership and Amateur membership fees are received.

C. The membership fee is \$20.00

SHOW AND CONTEST

1. SHOW APPROVAL. To obtain OQHA show approval, an organization or individual must submit a letter of request for OQHA show approval prior to the September Board meeting. Any and all shows in a series must be approved. New shows (those that were not approved by OQHA for the prior year) excluding special events must submit a letter for approval to the OQHA Board of Directors prior to the September Board meeting. The OQHA Board of Directors will establish the OQHA approved show list at the September Board meeting for the next year. The show must also offer the OQHA standard class list to obtain OQHA approval for the points to count for year-end awards. In lieu of a flat approval fee, the OQHA is assessing a fee of \$2.00 per horse per class (including youth, amateur, select, open and novice) for all OQHA approved shows, to be paid to the Association. The OQHA is also requiring a true copy of the AQHA report listing show results and a copy of the fitness report 10 days after the show. This time period applies both to the assessment fees and the show results. A \$50.00 deposit will be required of the show committee sponsoring an OQHA approved show. This deposit will be refunded if results and assessment fees are postmarked within the ten (10) days limit. Failure in any way to comply with the above will result in the following year's show not being approved by OQHA without specific Board of Director endorsement. If a show has been late with results and fees during the year, the Board of Directors may at its discretion approve the show under the following condition: that the show post in advance, negotiated funds in the amount of money equal to the previous year's assessment. They will be billed for any additional amount and any overpayment will be refunded. Failure to comply on time two years in succession will result in automatic non-approval of all future shows held by that particular organization. The OQHA Board of Directors may trade approvals with bordering State Associations as negotiated by the OQHA Board.

2. OQHA SPONSORED SHOWS. There will be four (4) or more sponsored shows each year, the Board of Directors will schedule these shows. The OQHA judge's committee or judge's committee agent will hire the judge or judges. Each Director may present a list of 10 judges to the judges committee. The committee shall tally the votes to determine the best judges for OQHA shows. If he or she has judged any AQHA approved show within one year prior in the State of Oregon or resides in the State, he or she is not eligible to judge an OQHA sponsored show that year. The OQHA will publish a list of the approved shows on their website or in other official publications of OQHA.

3. FUTURITIES. The OQHA will sponsor futurities, under the name of "OQHA Open Futurities", for any or all of the following categories depending on the interest level and number of entries. The categories may include but are not limited to: yearling halter, yearling lunge line, two year old western pleasure, three year old western pleasure, four and under hunter under saddle, reining and five and under team roping (heading and heeling). These categories may be sub-divided to include classes for sex division of halter horses, or for non-pro riders. The OQHA Board as needed may change the categories and sub-divisions. The OQHA Open Futurities are open to all stock horse type breeds. Both exhibitors and owners must be members of OQHA. Other memberships may apply (NSBA). The rules governing OQHA Open Futurities are the responsibility of the OQHA Board of Directors. 75% of the entry fees for the OQHA Open Futurities and the added money will be the purse. The prize money checks for the futurities will be mailed to the registered owner of the horse within 30 days of the futurity. Owners must supply a social security number before payment will be sent.

The following payback schedule will be used for the OQHA Open Futurities:

Futurity Payback schedule:

Entries	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	100%									
2-4	60%	40%								
5-8	50%	30%	20%							
9-12	46%	26%	18%	10%						
13-15	41%	25%	16%	10%	8%					
16-18	38%	24%	15%	9%	8%	6%				
19-24	36%	23%	14%	9%	7%	6%	5%			
25-30	35%	22%	13%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%		
31-36	34%	21%	12%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	
37&up	33%	20%	12%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%

For a complete set of rules and conditions for the OQHA Open futurities contact the current OQHA Secretary.

4. MEMBERSHIP STATUS.

A. The person(s) owning a horse and the exhibitor of the horse must be a current member in good standing with the OQHA before the points for the horse will count for year-end awards. Any owner or exhibitor whose personal check for OQHA or OQHA approved events, fails to clear the bank, has 30 days to resolve the outstanding account. If he or she fails to do so, points earned for that show will not count for year-end awards and will lose privileges until such time as the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors. After the 30 day time period, the person will be notified via certified mail to the last known address of a fifteen (15) day deadline and then the item will be submitted to AQHA for collection. Outstanding accounts billed by the OQHA and remain outstanding, shall be subject to action by the Board of Directors.

B. Any member found guilty of poor sportsmanship, using abusive language, vandalism or violation of rules 105 and 106 of the official AQHA handbook is subject to disciplinary action by the OQHA Board of Directors. Any disciplinary action taken by the Board of Directors shall require notification of the involved person or persons via certified mail to the last known address. All disciplinary action shall be reported to the AQHA.

C. Proper age divisions will be determined by the descriptions listed in the AQHA handbook.

POINT SYSTEM.

1. Horses must be registered in the same name as the membership for OQHA points to count for year-end awards. If a horse is registered in the name of more than one natural member, each individual must have an OQHA membership for points to count. This can be achieved by a family, single, joint or youth membership. If a horse is registered in the name of a ranch, corporation, company or syndicate, it shall be defined as unnatural and the membership must be in the same name as the horse is registered for points to count. The owner and handler must be members of OQHA for points to count for year-end awards. Memberships must be paid by April 1st each year in order to accumulate points towards a year-end award. Points will not be tabulated until the membership has been paid. Points earned prior to that time will not be tabulated in the total.

2. The show year for OQHA year-end awards will be from November 1 until October 31. Points accumulated at OQHA approved shows, which are held from November 1 to December 31, will carry over with the horse or youth if a changed age or classification occurs. Example: a two-year old stallion earning points in November and December will carry these points into his three-year old season.

3. OQHA points are awarded on the following basis: the horse receives one-half point for each horse it defeats, plus one-half point for the horse itself. The maximum number of OQHA points awarded for a class is three (3). Example: First place in a class of six or more horses receives 3 points, second place – 2.5 points, third place - 2 points, fourth place – 1.5 points, fifth place – 1 point and sixth place - .5 point. In the event there are fewer than six horses in the class, the first place horse gets as many half points as there are horses in the class. For example, if there are four horses in the class, first place receives 2 points, second place – 1.5 points, third place – 1 point and fourth place - .5 point.

Maximum points available:

6 or more horses	3 points	3 horses	1.5 points
5 horses	2.5 points	2 horses	1 point
4 horses	2 points	1 horse	.5 point

The grand champion and reserve grand champion at halter shall receive additional points following the point formula outlined in the current AQHA handbook. These shall be calculated after the AQHA points have been added to the OQHA points. AQHA points shall include AQHA calculated grand or reserve points.

Year-end points are accumulated from OQHA points plus AQHA points. AQHA points will be computed according to the AQHA handbook.

Year-end point example:

6 to 9 horses in a class:	1 st Place:	3 OQHA points + 1 AQHA Point = 4 year-end points
	2 nd Place:	2.5 OQHA points + .5 AQHA point = 3 year-end points
	3 rd Place:	2 OQHA points + 0 AQHA point = 2 year-end points
	4 th Place:	1.5 OQHA points + 0 AQHA points = 1.5 year-end points
	5 th Place:	1 OQHA point + 0 AQHA points = 1 year-end point
	6 th Place:	.5 OQHA point + 0 AQHA points = .5 year-end point

4. Tie breakers for all awards will be: 1. the most number of firsts, 2. the most number of seconds, 3. the most number of thirds, 4. if a tie still exists, it shall be a decision of the Board of Directors as to how to break the tie.

5. A horse must compete in a given class to at least 14 judges at the OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon and earn a minimum of ten (10) year-end points to be eligible for a year-end award.

OQHYA POINTS AND AWARDS. (As per Youth By-laws)

1. POINTS - The OQHYA will determine the year end high points using the same point system as the OQHA and explained in the OQHA rules and regulations. The youth minimum shall be 10 points. A horse must compete in a given class to a minimum fourteen (14) judges at OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon and earn a minimum of ten (10) year-end points to be eligible for a year-end award. If a class Champion is given at year-end then a Reserve Champion award will also be given, even if the exhibitor has

less than ten (10) points but meets the judge requirement. Memberships must be paid by April 1 each year in order to accumulate points towards a year-end award. Points will begin accumulation each year only after the membership fee has been paid.

2. ALL-AROUNDS Working Horse and Performance Horse: The winning horse in each division would be the horse with the most halter plus performance points in two or more AQHA performance categories (OQHA points plus AQHA points) in each division. The horse must have a minimum of 10 points in halter and a minimum of 10 points in each of the two performance categories. Categories are listed in the AQHA handbook. Working horse division categories: 1 (Halter), 2 (Ranch Riding, Reining & Working Cowhorse, boxing only), 6 (Roping & Cutting). Performance horse division categories: 1(Halter), 2(Ranch Riding, Western Riding & trail only), 4 (Over Fences), 5 (Pleasure & Hunter Under Saddle), 7 (Showmanship, Horsemanship, Equitation). A horse must compete to a minimum fourteen (14) judges at OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon in 2 categories. **OQHYA must raise the funds by fundraising to pay for one (1) of the All Around awards. If the funds are not raised the All Around award will return to an overall All Around and follow the above listed criteria.

3. TOP FIVE AWARDS: These awards funded by the OQHYA. Top five awards will be given in each of the youth divisions. The youth divisions (Working Horse and Performance Horse) will be determined by the youth(s) with the highest number of points in two (2) AQHA categories. The Novice Youth divisions will be determined by the youth with the highest number of points in two (2) AQHA categories. Small fry division will be determined by the youth with the highest number of points. Points will begin accumulation each year only after the membership fee has been paid. A horse must compete to a minimum fourteen (14) judges at OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon.

4. HI-POINT and RESERVE LEVEL 1 (NOVICE) YOUTH: The level 1 (novice) youth 14-18 & 13 & Under with the highest total number of points in all OQHA approved level 1 (novice) youth classes will receive an award presented by OQHA. These awards are for one (1) horse and rider combination. A horse must compete to a minimum fourteen (14) judges at OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon.

5. HI-POINT and RESERVE ROOKIE YOUTH: The rookie youth with the highest total number of points in all OQHA approved rookie youth classes will receive an award presented by OQHA. These awards are for one (1) horse and rider combination. A horse must compete to a minimum fourteen (14) judges at OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon.

OQHA YEAR-END AWARDS.

1. A horse must receive at least ten (10) points (OQHA points plus AQHA points) in a given class to be eligible for a year-end class award. A horse must compete in a given class to a minimum of fourteen (14) judges at the OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon and earn a minimum of ten (10) year-end points to be eligible for a year-end award. **Youth Points:** the youth minimum shall be 10 points. A youth horse must compete in a given class to a minimum fourteen (14) judges at OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon and earn a minimum of ten (10) year-end points to be eligible for a year-end award.

2. The available OQHA funds (net profit) accrued during the year dictate the quality and type of awards given. If funds are not available, awards will not be given during the current year. Any award distribution is determined by the OQHA Board of Directors.

3. All year-end awards will be presented to the person shown as the AQHA owner of the horse the last time it was shown at the OQHA approved show for the year. The seller and buyer of an award winning horse may negotiate who shall actually receive the OQHA award.

4. CHAMPION and RESERVE CHAMPION will be awarded for each of the following classes:

Open Division:

Yearling Stallions	Yearling Geldings	Yearling Mares
2-Year-Old Stallions	2-Year-Old Geldings	2-Year-Old Mares
3-Year-Old Stallions	3-Year-Old Geldings	3-Year-Old Mares
Aged Stallions	Aged Geldings	Aged Mares
Performance Halter Stallions	Performance Halter Geldings	Performance Halter Mares
Hunter Under Saddle	Junior Western Pleasure	Trail Level 2
Senior Western Pleasure	Trail Level 3	Western Riding Level 2
Western Riding Level 3	Reining	Working Cowhorse
Tie Down Roping	Heading	Heeling
Cutting	Pleasure Driving	Ranch Riding

Level 1 (Green) Division:

Hunter Under Saddle	Western Riding	Western Pleasure
Trail	Reining	Ranch Riding

Amateur Division:

Yearling Stallions	Yearling Geldings	Yearling Mares
2-Year-Old Stallions	2-Year-Old Geldings	2-Year-Old Mares
3-Year-Old Stallions	3-Year-Old Geldings	3-Year-Old Mares
Aged Stallions	Aged Geldings	Aged Mares
Performance Halter Stallions	Performance Halter Geldings	Performance Halter Mares

Showmanship	Hunter Under Saddle	Hunt Seat Equitation
Western Pleasure	Horsemanship	Trail
Western Riding	Reining	Working Cowhorse
Heading	Heeling	Breakaway Roping
Cutting	Pleasure Driving	Working Cowhorse – boxing
Tie Down Roping	Ranch Riding	

Select Division :

Showmanship	Western Pleasure	Horsemanship
Trail	Reining	

Level 1 Amateur Division:

Showmanship	Hunter Under Saddle	Hunt Seat Equitation
Trail	Reining	Western Pleasure
Horsemanship	Western Riding	Working Cowhorse–boxing
Ranch Riding	Walk /Trot Hunter Under Saddle	Walk/Trot Hunt Seat Equitation
Walk/Trot Western Pleasure	Walk/Trot Horsemanship	Walk/Trot Trail

Youth Division:

Yearling Geldings	Yearling Mares	2-Year-Old Geldings
2 Year-Old Mares	3-Year-Old Geldings	3-Year-Old Mares
Aged Geldings	Aged Mares	Performance Halter Geldings
Performance Halter Mares	Showmanship	Hunter Under Saddle
Hunt Seat Equitation	Western Pleasure	Horsemanship
Trail	Western Riding	Reining
Working Cowhorse	Working Cowhorse – boxing	Heading
Heeling	Breakaway Roping	Cutting
Ranch Riding		

Level 1 Youth Division: (means class in both age divisions: 13 & Under / 14-18)**

Showmanship**	Hunter Under Saddle**	Hunt Seat Equitation**
Trail	Reining	Western Pleasure**
Horsemanship**	Working Cowhorse –Boxing	Western Riding
Ranch Riding	Walk /Trot Hunter Under Saddle	Walk/Trot Hunt Seat Equitation
Walk/Trot Western Pleasure	Walk/Trot Horsemanship	Walk/Trot Trail

Rookie & Versatility Ranch Horse Division:

All rookie and Versatility Ranch Horse division classes will receive a trophy style award. Exhibitor and horse must meet the award requirements listed in rule #1.

5. ALL-AROUND and RESERVE Working Horse and Performance Horse: The winning horse in each division would be the horse with the most halter plus performance points in two or more AQHA performance categories (OQHA points plus AQHA points) in each division. The horse must have a minimum of 10 points in halter and a minimum of 10 points in each of the two performance categories. Categories are listed in the AQHA handbook. Working horse division categories: 1 (Halter), 2 (Ranch Riding, Reining & Working Cowhorse only), 6 (Roping & Cutting). Performance horse division categories: 1(Halter), 2(Ranch Riding, Western Riding & trail only), 4 (Over Fences), 5 (Pleasure & Hunter Under Saddle). A horse must compete to a minimum of 14 judges at the OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon in 2 categories.

6. ALL-AROUND and RESERVE AMATEUR AWARDS:

A. The winning amateur 49 & under would be the horse/rider combination with the most points in a minimum of 3 AQHA All-Around Categories (OQHA points plus AQHA points). The horse must have a minimum of 10 points in a minimum of 3 AQHA All-Around categories. A horse must compete to a minimum of 14 judges the OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon in 2 categories. Horses may compete in more than 3 categories. Categories are listed in the AQHA handbook.

B. The winning amateur 50 & over would be the horse/rider combination with the most points in a minimum of 3 AQHA All-Around Categories (OQHA points plus AQHA points). The horse must have a minimum of 10 points in a minimum of 3 AQHA All-Around categories. A horse must compete to a minimum of 14 judges at the OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon in 2 categories. Horses may compete in more than 3 categories. Categories are listed in the AQHA handbook.

C. Amateur must be a member of the OQHA and the OQHAD to qualify for this award.

D. These awards are for one (1) horse and rider combination. Age determined as of December 31st of show year.

7. HI-POINT and RESERVE HALTER MARE, STALLION, AND GELDING: The winning horse in each sex division would be the horse with the most cumulative halter points in that sex division. OQHA points plus AQHA points will not include amateur points. A horse must compete to a minimum of 14 judges at the OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon.

8. HI-POINT and RESERVE LEVEL 1 (NOVICE) AMATEUR: The level 1 (novice) amateur with the highest total number of points in all OQHA approved level 1 (novice) amateur classes will receive an award presented by OQHA. Amateur must be a

member of the OQHA and the OQHAD to qualify for this award. These awards are for one (1) horse and rider combination. A horse must compete to a minimum of 14 judges at the OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon.

9. HI-POINT and RESERVE ROOKIE AMATEUR: The rookie amateur with the highest total number of points in all OQHA approved rookie amateur classes will receive an award presented by OQHA. Amateur must be a member of the OQHA and the OQHAD to qualify for this award. These awards are for one (1) horse and rider combination. A horse must compete to a minimum of 14 judges at the OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon.

10. HI-POINT TRAIL AWARD: The trail horse with the most points in either Level 3 or Level 2 trail and either Youth/Amateur or Select trail with the same horse.

- A. Must be a member of the OQHA and either the Youth or Amateur/Select Divisions by April 1st of each year.
- B. Must show in Level 3/Level 2 trail and either youth or Amateur/Select trail with the same horse.
- C. All OQHA approved shows in the State of Oregon will count with the exception of the Oregon Summer Classic show.
- D. Must show to a minimum of 14 judges at the OQHA shows within the State of Oregon excluding Summer Classic.

10. TROPHY AWARDS: The following awards are approved by OQHA. A horse must compete to a minimum of 14 judges at the OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon. The OQHA Board of Directors must approve additions to this list.

- The **Ursula Mathias Opie** award will be presented annually to the **High Point Halter Horse** of OQHA
- The **Nora Alrich** award will be presented annually to the **High Point Youth 14-18.**
- The **Jerimiah Bullfrog Memorial** award will be presented annually to the **High Point Novice Youth 13 & Under.**
- The **Hank Alrich** award will be presented annually to the **High Point Horse.**
- The **Top Drawer Memorial** award will be presented annually to the **High Point 13 & Under Youth.**
- The **Tony Bothum Memorial** award will be presented annually to the **High Point Rookie Youth.**
- The **Don Avila Memorial** award will be presented annually to the **High Point Amateur.**
- The **Cecil Shaw** Award will be presented annually to the **High Point Amateur Halter Horse.**
- The **Bill St. Hilaire Memorial** award will be presented to the **High Point Novice Youth 14-18.**
- The **Bob Kruse Memorial** award will be presented to the **High Point Youth or Amateur Roper.**
- The **Toni Isola-Bayer Memorial** award will be presented to the **High Point Youth Reining Exhibitor.**
- The **Don Avila & Docs Dee Bar Memorial** award will be presented annually to the **High Point Open Rope Horse Trainer.**

OREGON BRED

1. A horse must be foaled within the geographic boundaries of Oregon to be eligible to be registered Oregon Bred. An application for this registration must be filled out in its entirety, and accompanied by the appropriate fees. The OQHA will provide the proper forms upon request for the Oregon Bred registration. The Oregon Bred committee chairman must approve the Oregon Bred application.

2. A horse must have his Oregon Bred application for registration before the committee chairman for approval before the registration is valid. With the Oregon Bred Breeders Seal affixed to the AQHA papers, the horse becomes eligible to receive Oregon Bred awards.

3. The name of the individual applying for the Oregon Bred registration shall be the same as that on the membership card. The burden of the responsibility lies with the old and new owners to notify the OQHA of any change in ownership.

Oregon Bred Futurity Awards

To be eligible for the futurity awards, the Oregon Bred application must be approved prior to the start of the first go round of the futurity.

OREGON BRED YEARLING: This will be the highest placing Oregon Bred at the OQHA Open Yearling Halter Futurity in the following divisions: colt, filly and gelding.

OREGON BRED AWARDS: For the highest placing Oregon Bred horse in the following classes at the OQHA Open Futurities held during the OQHA Summer Classic: yearling lunge line, two year old western pleasure (open), three year old western pleasure (open and non-pro), four and under hunter under saddle and five and under team roping (heading and heeling).

Oregon Bred Year-end Awards

To be eligible for year-end Oregon Bred awards, the horse to a minimum of 14 judges at the OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon and have a minimum of ten (10) points. Points will not count for year-end awards until the Oregon Bred committee chairman has approved the Oregon Bred application.

HI-POINT OREGON BRED HALTER MARE, STALLION AND GELDING: The winning horse would be the Oregon Bred horse with the most cumulative halter points (OQHA points plus AQHA points) in each sex division. Does not include amateur halter points.

HI-POINT OREGON BRED OPEN HORSE: The Oregon Bred horse receiving the most combined points in any and all open division classes.

HI-POINT OREGON BRED AMATEUR HORSE: The Oregon Bred horse receiving the most points in any and all amateur and/or select classes. Does not include novice amateur points.

HI-POINT OREGON BRED YOUTH HORSE: The Oregon Bred horse receiving the most points in any and all youth classes. Does not include novice youth points.

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