



OQHA AMATEUR DIVISION BYLAWS

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Oregon Quarter Horse Amateur Division is;

- To provide beneficial services to our amateur members which enhance and encourage Quarter Horse ownership and participation.
- To generate growth of the Oregon Quarter Horse Amateur Division, 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 Oregon Quarter Horse Association, the American Quarter Horse Association and to promote the Quarter Horse industry.

THE OREGON QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION AMATEUR DIVISION. BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Oregon Quarter Horse Amateur Division, hereinafter referred to as OQHAD or the Association.

ARTICLE II: VESTED POWERS

All powers of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors except as otherwise provide in these By-Laws.

ARTICLE III: DIRECTORS

Section 1: Board of Directors

The Board of Directors (aka The Board) shall be composed of the President, Ex-Officio President, Vice- President, Secretary/Treasurer and a minimum of two (or a maximum of five) Directors elected from the current members in good standing. Terms of office shall be one calendar year beginning January 1. All Officers and Board members must meet current membership requirements and must be members in good standing of OQHA, OQHAD and AQHA. The Board of Directors shall adopt rules and regulations for the government of the organization and its members.

Section 2: Meetings

The Board of Directors will hold scheduled meetings as well as additional meetings as deemed necessary.

Section 3: Attendance

The Officers and Board members shall attend all Board meetings. In the event that an Officer or a Board member is unable to attend a scheduled meeting, s/he (or they) will inform the President or Vice President prior to the meeting. When necessary, Officers and Board members may be contacted by phone or email to discuss or vote on group issues.

Section 4: Quorum

A majority of the Board members constitute a quorum for OQHAD business purposes.

Section 5: Public Meetings

All public meetings and deliberations of the Board of Directors shall be open to the public.

ARTICLE IV: RESPONSIBILITES OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS.

Section 1: President

The president shall be the chief executive officer of the association and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association subject to the direction of the Board of Directors. The President shall preside at meetings of the

members and the Board of Directors. At the Annual Convention, the President shall submit a report on the status of the Association and its activities.

Section 2: Ex-officio President

At the time of the elections, when a new president is in-stalled, the out-going President will serve as Ex-Officio member of the board with one vote until the presiding President is replaced by vote.

Section 3: Vice President

The Vice-President shall assist the President with the coordination and administration of the By-Laws, rules and regulations of the Association. In the event that the President is unable to fulfill their obligations, the Vice-President shall perform and exercise the duties of the President.

Section 4: Treasurer/Secretary

The Treasurer will be responsible for keeping full and accurate record of the Association funds. All financial transactions will be reported at each Board meeting and a written Annual Report will be provided for the membership at the Annual Meeting. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and the board of directors, and shall record the minutes of all proceedings.

Section 6: Directors

Directors will assist the Officers with the administration of rules and regulations. They may also chair committees and assist with administrative duties.

ARTICLE IV: AMENDMENTS.

Section 1: By-Laws

The By-laws may be amended, modified, repealed, or a new By-Law may be adopted by a two thirds (2/3) vote of all voting members present and new By-laws may be adopted by the same vote at any regular meeting of the members of this Association.

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 OQHAD Board of Directors has received objections which have been signed by at least fifteen (15) members in good standing regarding any or all portions of the changes. Objections shall be in the form provided in the notice.

OREGON QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION AMATEUR DIVISION AWARDS

AWARDS

The Year-end high points will be governed by the rules of OQHA as follows;

1. A horse/rider combination must receive at least ten (10) points (OQHA and AQHA points combined) and show to a minimum of sixteen (16) judges at OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon to be eligible for Year-End class awards.
2. These awards are for a one horse and rider combination. Age is determined as of December 31st of the show year.
3. Amateur must be a member of OQHA and OQHAD to qualify for year-end awards.

OQHA will fund the following awards:

HIGH-POINT AND RESERVE AMATEUR AWARDS

The winning amateur 49 and under will be the horse/rider combination with the most points in a minimum of three AQHA All-Around categories (OQHA Points plus AQHA Points). The horse must have a minimum of ten (10) points in a minimum of three (3) AQHA All-Around categories. Categories are listed in the AQHA Handbook. A horse must compete to a minimum of sixteen (16) judges at OQHA-approved shows within the State of Oregon in two categories.

HIGH-POINT AND RESERVE SELECT AMATEUR AWARDS

The winning amateur 50 and over will be the horse/rider combination with the most points in a minimum of three (3) AQHA All-Around categories (OQHA Points plus AQHA Points). The horse must have a minimum of ten (10) points in a minimum of three AQHA All-Around categories. Categories are listed in the AQHA Handbook. A horse must compete to a minimum of sixteen (16) judges at OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon in two categories.

HIGH-POINT AND RESERVE NOVICE AMATEUR AWARDS

The Novice Amateur with the highest total number of points in all OQHA approved novice amateur classes will receive an award from OQHA. These Awards are based on a one horse/one rider combination. A horse must compete to a minimum of sixteen (16) judges at OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon.

OQHAD will fund the following awards:

OQHAD TOP FIVE AWARDS

An amateur exhibitor can compete in any of the Amateur Subdivisions they qualify for (i.e. Rookie, Level 1 (Novice), Select, or Amateur). The year-end Top Five Exhibitor awards for each Subdivision is determined by the highest number of combined OQHA and AQHA points earned by a horse and rider combination (exhibitor) in an individual subdivision for the year. Exhibitors, can receive only one Top Five Subdivision award per year, per horse. Should an exhibitor qualify for more than one Top Five Amateur Subdivision award, the exhibitor will receive one award only, unless the exhibitor qualifies with a different horse. The award shall be based on the subdivision with the highest number of earned points.

OQHAD MEMBER SUMMER CLASSIC HI-POINT

A buckle will be given to the High-Point and Reserve Hi-Point OQHA Amateur Member for L1 (Novice), Select, and Amateur.

The OQHAD Year-End Top Five awards will be governed by the following rules.

1. The OQHAD member must show to a minimum of twelve (12) judges at OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon.
2. These awards are for a one horse and one rider combination. Age is determined as of December 31 of the show year.
3. Exhibitors 49 and under will be in the Amateur division, and exhibitors 50 and over will be in the Select division.
4. The Amateur must be a member of OQHA and OQHAD by April 1 of the current award year to qualify for the year-end awards. Points earned before an individual joins these organizations will not count towards year-end awards.
5. The Amateur must complete 4-hours of volunteer assistance to the Division during the current award year, or buy-out the volunteer hours at a flat fee of \$100.00. The buy-out must be completed by April 1 of the current award year. Volunteer hours completed before Summer Classic will accrue for the entire show year.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Each year the Board will select the member who exhibit's the highest degree of sportsman to receive the Sportsmanship Award.

Sportsmanship is defined as ethical, appropriate, polite, generous and fair behavior while participating in an event.

OQHAD AWARD ELIGIBILITY FOR OREGON SUMMER CLASSIC AWARDS

1. Individuals must be a member of both OQHA and the Amateur Division by April 1 of the current year.
2. The Summer Classic Amateur and Horse Combination must have attended and shown to a minimum of six (6) judges of OQHA-approved shows within the State of Oregon prior to the start of the current years Oregon Summer Classic.
3. Amateurs must complete two (2) hours of voluntary assistance to the OQHAD prior the start of the current year's Summer Classic, or purchase the buy-out option before April 1 of the current show year.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

MEMBERSHP

1. Members shall be admitted to the Association upon receipt of Membership Application and Association dues of \$20.00 unless rejected by the parent board (OQHA) within 30 days after receipt.
2. A member in good standing is defined as an active member who is current in all payments or fees and who abides by all the rules and regulations of OQHA, OQHAD and AQHA.
3. A member shall not be considered in good standing as long as delinquent dues remain unpaid.
4. Membership must be paid by April 1 of each year to be eligible for Oregon Amateur Division awards.
5. Points for year-end Awards will begin accumulation only after dues are paid. There will be no exceptions.
6. All members in good standing shall have the right to vote in person or by proxy in all Association matters. All members in good standing shall have the right to hold office and committee assignments.
7. One membership shall be entitled to one vote and to hold one elected office.
8. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of candidates for each Office and Directorship. This slate will be announced at the annual General Meeting and Nominations of candidates will also be accepted from the floor at this time.
9. Following approval of the Board of Directors, the OQHA 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 OQHA 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. The OQHA Secretary shall count and verify the votes. In the event of a tie, the winners will be determined by the Board of Directors following a re-count of the ballots. 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.
10. In the event of changes in the rule or regulations, the membership will be informed by electronic mail thirty days prior to the changes taking effect.

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