



OQHA Youth Team Selection Guidelines

Updated June 11, 2022

1. The qualifying shows for the 2022 Congress Youth Team (NYATT) will be OQHA approved shows from January 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022. During this time frame, it will be the Youth's accumulated 10 best shows (judges) considered for each event.
2. Points will be tabulated from the Open Youth classes (13 & Under, 14-18 or combined) and not from the Level 1 Youth classes to ensure a level playing field.
3. Any youth will be allowed to compile points on more than one horse for team consideration. For each event, points will be compiled on a one-horse/one-rider basis.
4. A youth who qualifies in multiple events will be asked for their preference of two or may be asked to limit themselves to one.
5. Any youth wishing to participate on the team must complete a written application and consent form **in full** and submit it via email to the Youth Advisor **on or before July 15, 2022**. Application forms will be available on the OQHA website or by emailing oqhamallory@gmail.com
6. The team selection will also be based on the individual's ability to meet the guidelines and directives of the OQHYA.

Mandatory Requirements:

- a. Current member in good standing of the OQHA and OQHYA
- b. In order to keep OQHYA a viable Association and ensure that the youth are actively involved, participation includes the following:
 - A minimum of 10 hours of volunteer work at OQHYA events and \$100 in collected sponsorships to OQHYA
 - OR \$300 in total sponsorship to OQHYA is required for applicants unable to fulfill their volunteer hours. Partial volunteer hours may be assessed on a per application basis.
 - Sponsorship money will be directed towards the OQHYA and is to be submitted with the application
- c. Exhibiting good moral character and sportsmanship
- d. If selected to the NYATT team an additional fee of \$150 will be required; these monies will be used specifically for team expenses

Additional Qualifying Considerations:

- a. Participation in a minimum of two OQHYA fundraising events in 2022
 - b. Attendance at two OQHYA meetings in 2022
7. The OQHYA will endeavor to support and financially assist in sending the maximum number of team members and the advisor to Congress.
 8. Upon completing the mandatory requirements, applicant priority will be given to the top two exhibitors (OQHA points) in each of the seven NYATT events that have competed in a minimum of two OQHA approved shows in the qualifying time period.
 9. The final authority on the Congress Youth Team will be with the OQHA Youth Advisor and Advisory Committee, and the Board of Directors of the OQHA and OQHYA.
 10. Any youth who does not fulfill their team responsibilities shall be banned from team participation till such time as the above authorities' deem appropriate.