



GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF THE 2017 CONGRESS YOUTH TEAM

1. The qualifying shows for the Congress Youth Team will be AQHA/OQHA approved shows from August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017. During this time frame, it will be the Youth's 10 best shows considered for each event.
2. 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.
3. A youth who qualifies in more than one event will be asked for their preference of two or may be asked to limit themselves to one.
4. Any youth wishing to participate on the Team must complete a written application and consent form **in full** and submit it to the Youth Advisor on or before July 25, 2017. Application forms will be available on the OQHA website, by e-mailing ontarioquarterhorseyouth@gmail.com or mailing Marie Muir, 203 Dundas St. W. Paris, ON N3L 4H3 Phone (519)442-7451
5. 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 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 \$100.00 in collected sponsorships to OQHYA

OR

 - \$300.00 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 as collected or with the application.
- c. Exhibiting good moral character and sportsmanship.
- d. If selected to the NYATT Team an additional fee of \$150.00 will be required and these monies will be used specifically for team expenses.

Additional Qualifying Considerations

- a. Participation in a minimum of two OQHYA fundraising events in 2017.
 - b. Attendance at two OQHYA meetings in 2017.
6. The O.Q.H.Y.A. will endeavour to support and financially assist in sending the maximum number of team members and the advisor to the Congress.
 7. Upon completing the mandatory requirements, applicant priority will be given to the top two exhibitors (OQHA points) in each of the seven NYATT events, and that have competed in a minimum of two OQHA approved shows in the qualifying time period.
 8. The final authority on the Congress Youth Team will be with the O.Q.H.A. Youth Advisor and Advisory Committee, and the Board of Directors of the O.Q.H.A. and O.Q.H.Y.A.
 9. Any youth who does not fulfill their team responsibilities shall be banned from team participation till such time, as the above authorities deem appropriate.