

Attention All PCQHA and PCQHYA Members Youth Qualifying Rules

All PCQHA approved events with approved show dates on a Saturday or Sunday, will be considered a State Youth Qualifying show (a "YQS"). These include regular shows, introductory shows, special events and other events with AQHA and PCQHA approved youth classes.

The qualifying period for the 2017 AQHYA World Championship Show will be May 1, 2016 thru April 30, 2017.

State qualifiers for the AQHYA World Championship Show will be based on the Exhibitor Show Participation Requirements as follows:

1. PCQHYA members showing in classes other than the - Cattle, Speed and Over Fences classes listed in B below, must show to a minimum of ten (10) judges in the class for which he/she wishes to qualify at a YQS. An exhibitor may show in a class to more than 15 YQS judges, but only the exhibitor's best fifteen (15) placings to YQS judges will be totaled. PCQHA will select the permitted number of state qualifiers from the PCQHYA members with the highest number of calculated points (after omitting all National qualifiers) to represent the State of California at the AQHYA World Championship Show.
2. PCQHYA members showing in Cattle (working cow horse, boxing, heading, heeling, tie down roping, cutting, team penning and ranch sorting), Speed (barrel racing, pole bending, stake race) and Over Fences (hunter hack, working hunter, equitation over fences and jumping) classes must show to a minimum of five (5) YQS judges in the class for which he/she wishes to qualify. An exhibitor may show in a class to more than 5 YQS judges, but only the exhibitor's best nine (9) placings to YQS judges will be totaled. PCQHA will select the permitted number of state qualifiers from PCQHYA members with the highest number of calculated points (after omitting all National qualifiers) to represent the State of California at AQHYA World Championship Show.
3. If there are not enough shows holding qualifying classes in your division, i.e. Equitation over Fences or Hunter over fences (AQHA calls this class something else) you may show under five judges in a similar division, the most obvious being Hunter Hack. If there are still not enough Hunter Hack classes being held, you may use Hunt Seat Equitation and/or Hunter under saddle. Please note that showing in those classes 5 times will make you eligible for the over fence classes NOT the flat classes as they require 10 judges. You must notify PCQHA in writing addressing your request to the Youth Director that this is your intention. You will receive a written response for your records.

In the event that AQHA reinstates the leveling program, exhibitors are reminded that he/ she must show in the open L3 youth classes (not the intermediate youth classes) to earn points toward state qualifying. Because AQHA is currently reviewing the youth qualifying system and the leveling system, PCQHA reserves the rights to make additional changes to the state qualifying system throughout a qualifying period.

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