

**Youth Activities Committee  
2022 Convention  
Las Vegas, Nevada**

Mr. President, the youth activities committee makes the following recommendations:

1. With respect to agenda item 15, approve amending the Ranching Heritage Young Horse Development Program as follows:
  - a. To provide an additional facility form within the application for participants who anticipate moving their horse during the program year.
  - b. To add to the facility form a note recommending against utilizing barbed wire fencing with horses and to request the Animal Welfare Commission provide guidance on fencing requirements for program horses.
  - c. To utilize members of the youth activities committee and other suitable evaluators to review and approve applications.
  - d. To move the program completion date from September 30 to August 31.
2. With respect to agenda item 17, approve amending the AQHYA Championship Horse Judging Contest as follows:
  - a. To allow contestants to enter as individuals.
  - b. To allow unlimited team entries for AQHYA affiliates, AQHA alliances, 4-H clubs, and FFA chapters.
  - c. To define that contestants who previously won high overall individual or were a member of the high overall team are no longer eligible to compete in the contest.
  - d. To establish a separate contest division for introductory contestants.
3. With respect to agenda item 17, approve amending the AQHA Championship Collegiate Horse Judging Contest to allow unlimited team entries for junior and senior colleges.
4. With respect to agenda item 18, approve to discontinue the Change of Affiliation sub-committee.
5. To create a joint committee task force to explore and develop youth alumni and young adult involvement with members of the amateur committee, marketing and membership committee and youth activities committee.
6. To re-elect Abigail Pait NeSmith as the youth activities committee chair.

Additionally, the committee made recommendations to other committees as follows:

1. For the show committee to deny amending SHW225.3 to allow youth and/or amateur members to instruct another person in riding for remuneration. The committee recognizes the proposals' interest in providing opportunities for beginning youth and families. The committee recommends the concept be revisited in the future with more detail and research to provide structure.
2. For the show committee to approve amending SHW220 to allow international-only youth members to show a non-owned, non-leased registered horse in regular youth division classes in international countries, excluding Canada, and in compliance with SHW400.8.
3. For the show committee to deny modifying SHW215.9 to allow youth members to exhibit stallions in individual performance classes.
4. For the show committee to approve adding AQHYA World Championship Show awards to recognize the all-around champion and reserve champion for both the 13 and Under and 14 to 18 divisions.
5. For the show committee to approve amending SHW400.8 to allow family members to show a horse in up to two youth or amateur subdivisions of any type of event.

The committee also discussed a variety of other youth topics including the AQHLead program, issues facing youth and young adult engagement, opportunities for youth and young adult engagement in American Quarter Horse racing, the leadership activities of the AQHYA board of directors, and the Youth World Cup.

On behalf of the youth activities committee, I move that the board of directors approve the recommendations.

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Abigail Pait NeSmith, chair