

BYLAWS OF THE PACIFIC COAST QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Significant changes have been made to the bylaws and the rules that govern this association. Your PCQHA membership includes an obligation to know and abide by the rules. You are encouraged to read these rules thoroughly.

As amended, March 2017

New Rules or Rule Changes are shaded.

PCQHA MISSION STATEMENT

To provide opportunities for youth, amateur and professional horsemen of the Pacific Coast to gain first hand knowledge of the suitability and adaptability of the American Quarter Horse through venues and beneficial services such as marketing, promotion, advertising and publicity.

To encourage the breeding and ownership of California-Bred American Quarter Horses by maintaining an awards program, which targets the accomplishments of these horses through PCQHA sponsored or approved programs.

Above all, Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association encourages sportsmanship and family values, as well as the lasting friendships through participation in these activities. The humane and dignified treatment of the American Quarter Horse by owners, trainers, and exhibitors is expected at all times.

PCQHA VISION STATEMENT

PCQHA is to be the leader of the Quarter Horse Industry on the West Coast, providing its voice to protect and promote the American Quarter Horse to its fullest potential.

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be and is PACIFIC COAST QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC. (hereafter referred to as the PCQHA).

Section 2. The principle office of this association shall be in Paso Robles, California.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Voting member: Any person (over the age of 18) firm or corporation (ranch, stable, etc.) actively interested in Quarter Horses is eligible to become a voting member of this association.

Section 2. Youth member: Any person, actively interested in Quarter Horses who is not more than eighteen (18) years of age on January 1 of that membership year, is eligible to become a youth member of this association, and is eligible for membership in the American Quarter Horse Youth Association.

Section 3. Youth Life Member: Any person, actively interested in Quarter Horses who is not more than eighteen (18) years of age on January 1 of that membership year, is eligible to become a life member in return for a payment of the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. This life membership will expire on his or her 19th birthday.

Please see Article X - YOUTH POINT SYSTEM - YOUTH QUALIFYING SHOWS, regarding California Youth Team residence requirement.

Section 4. Honorary Life Member: Any person (over the age of 18), firm or corporation actively interested in Quarter Horses, who, by merit of outstanding service to this association and/or the Quarter Horse industry, may be voted an honorary life member. A two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors present at any regular or special meeting, or by a two-thirds majority vote of the general membership present at any annual meeting or special meeting is required. The President of the Association, upon completion of his/her term of office, shall be awarded an honorary life membership.

Section 5. Life Member: Any person (over the age of 18), firm or corporation in good standing may become a life member in return for a payment of the sum of three hundred dollars (\$350).

Section 6. Admission to Membership: Application for membership shall be deemed accepted by receipt of said application in the PCQHA office and dues as provided by these bylaws, subject to acceptance by a majority of votes of the Board of Directors, within sixty (60) days after such presentation.

Section 7. Assessments: No member shall be subject to any assessments, or liable by reason of membership in the association.

Section 8. Property Rights: The Corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof. Upon dissolution of this corporation, any assets remaining after payment of all obligations and debts shall be distributed by the last Board of Directors, but none such assets shall be distributed to any member of this corporation.

Section 9. Voting Privileges: All members in good standing shall have the privilege of voting at association elections and at meetings of the members of the association; provided, however, that no such member who shall be delinquent by reason of non-payment of dues or other debts due the association shall be entitled to vote while such delinquency continues. Youth members may not vote at any annual meetings or special meetings of the senior membership. Youth members shall have the privilege of voting at youth membership meetings and election; provided, however, that no such youth

members who shall be delinquent by reason of non-payment of dues shall be entitled to vote while such delinquency continues. Senior voting members, life members, honorary life members may not vote at any youth annual meeting or special meetings of the youth membership.

Section 10. Membership in this association is a privilege, not a right, application for which shall be made on forms and by fees and procedures prescribed from time to time by the association. Membership, or application therefore, may be terminated or rejected by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors for cause detrimental to the interest of the association, its programs, policies, objectives and harmonious relationship of its members, as determined by the Executive Committee or Board. Termination or application rejection proceedings under this paragraph shall be conducted under the association's disciplinary procedures for notice, hearing and temporary suspension, the effect of termination or rejection may be denial of the privileges of the association as set forth in association disciplinary procedures.

The name under which a membership may be obtained will be limited to thirty (30) characters (letters, spaces and punctuation marks).

The application for membership should indicate clearly the name in which the membership is to be recorded. For points to be tabulated for year-end awards, in the open division, membership shall be made in the same name as that appearing on the AQHA registration papers of the horse being shown. Care should be taken to apply for the membership in exactly the same name that the AQHA registration papers are recorded. This rule mirrors the AQHA rule regarding membership.

*For example, Sam Smith is a current PCQHA Member, Susie Smith is a current PCQHA Member, and Sam and Susie Smith own a horse together in both of their names. Sam and Susie Smith will need a third PCQHA membership in their joint ownership name (if they plan to show the horse registered under their joint name **for PCQHA points**).*

In the event the name of the owner appearing on a show results form differs from the name appearing on the membership card, **no points will be counted**.

If applying for membership, and not competing for year-end awards, the name of the individual applying for membership, or the exact name of the partnership, shall be stated.

For further explanation of membership requirements, refer to examples contained in Article III, Section 1.

Should a member in good standing undergo a legal name change, PCQHA shall, upon written request, change association records to reflect the change. There will be no charge for this change.

General privileges and responsibilities of members and non-members are as follows:

While in good standing, all members shall have equal rights, interests and responsibilities with respect to the association and its property; shall obey and be bound by all bylaws, rules and regulations of the association and decisions or actions of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee; shall have the right to vote by personal attendance at membership meetings; and shall have the right to hold office and committee assignments, except as otherwise limited.

Section 11. Disciplinary Procedures: The PCQHA Executive Committee is the forum within PCQHA, which, initially or ultimately, hears, or reviews evidence of alleged violation of the rules and regulations by members or non-members, decides all matters pertaining to eligibility of horses as CAL-BRED SHOW HORSES. In addition, the Executive Committee shall hear appeals from other committee's action. A member may be disciplined, suspended, fined and/or expelled from PCQHA and any non-member may be denied any or all PCQHA privileges. Proof necessary to establish a rule violation is that quantum of proof that would lead a reasonable person to believe the matter alleged to be true. A majority vote of the Executive Committee shall determine guilt, and its decision and action shall be final and binding on all parties. Suspension or expulsion by AQHA of any member of that association who is also a member of the PCQHA will constitute grounds for automatic suspension or expulsion from this association without further notice to such member. PCQHA will abide by the disciplinary procedures set forth by the American Quarter Horse Association.

Any member may be suspended and denied privileges of the association and any non-member may be denied privileges of the association by the Board of Directors of the association for the failure to pay when due any obligation owing to the association, or for giving a worthless check for entry fees, stall fees, office charges, stock charges or any other fees or charges connected with the exhibition of horses provided, however, that fifteen (15) days before the action by the Board of Directors written notice of the account due and the intention to suspend or withhold privileges of the association shall be delivered to such member or non-member. Any person or entity that becomes delinquent in a debt to PCQHA will be given 90 days after receipt of a demand letter in which to make satisfactory payment arrangements. Failure to comply with this demand will result in publication of the debtor's name in the official publication of PCQHA. Debtors who become 30 days delinquent will also be published in the PCQHA Journal and will be referred to AQHA for their consideration.

Points earned at PCQHA events during a period of suspension will not count towards year-end awards. Any suspension and denial of privileges under this Section shall terminate upon full payment of the obligation due the association.

The Board of Directors of this association must base all other cases of suspension or expulsion upon a finding of fact by a two-thirds majority vote that the conduct of such member is or has been seriously detrimental to this association or to the Quarter Horse industry. Such finding, to be valid, must be based upon evidence adduced before such board at a hearing, due notice of which must be given to the party against whom a charge is so made.

Section 12. The association has adopted the following provision for the mutual benefit of members and with the intention of reducing the association's litigation expenses, which expenses would ultimately be borne by members and non-members, participating in association activities. Every member, by joining the association, or non-member, by participating in association-approved event, does thereby agree:

1) If unsuccessful in an attempt to overturn association decisions, actions, rules or regulations to reimburse the association for its reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and other expenses in defense of such suit; and

2) That he/she will not commence any action, whether in law or equity, against the association in any courts, other than those federal and state courts located in Placer County, California.

ARTICLE III - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DUES

Section 1. An annual fee shall be paid for each membership. This fee shall be due and payable on January 1 of each year and shall be considered delinquent if not paid within thirty (30) days thereafter.

ALL REGISTERED OWNERS & EXHIBITORS of a horse competing IN ANY DIVISION must be members in good standing of PCQHA at the time of showing for points to count towards year-end awards. Youth exhibitors must be members in good standing of PCQHYA to earn awards in the youth division, and/or qualify to participate in PCQHA youth team competition. Amateur exhibitors must be members in good standing of PCQHA to earn awards in the amateur division. *Points earned by any horse during a lapse of owner's membership will not be picked up on subsequent payment.*

Notice to the members of fees payable will be sent to members at their last known address not less than thirty (30) days prior to the end of each calendar year.

Section 2. Membership fees must be paid annually. Should a member fail to pay the appropriate fees by the due date, the membership shall be considered delinquent. There will be a grace period of thirty (30) days during which time there will be no penalty whatsoever, and during which points will count. IF THIS DELINQUENCY IS NOT CORRECTED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS, POINTS EARNED PRIOR TO RENEWAL WILL NOT COUNT TOWARD YEAR END AWARDS. PCQHA membership applications will be available at all PCQHA approved quarter horse shows. Show management will sign the document, indicating that the exhibitor joined the association prior to showing in their respective class/classes. Membership fees are as follows:

PCOHA Life Membership	\$350.00
PCOHA Full Life - Youth & Adult Life Membership	\$350.00
PCOHA 1 year membership	\$35.00

PCOHYA Life Membership through 18 years of age	\$100.00
PCOHYA 1 year	\$25.00
Include Magazine with any membership	\$20.00

The PCQHA board has the authority to make changes to the membership fees as necessary.

Section 3. A PCQHA membership is required of any exhibitor that seeks to win an All Around Award, Circuit Award, or other PCQHA Special Awards, including, but not limited to, added money at PCQHA sponsored horse shows, special events, etc.

Members will receive the official publication of PCQHA, THE PACIFIC COAST JOURNAL, upon payment to PCQHA of an additional \$20 with their annual membership dues.

ARTICLE IV-MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Section 1. Annual Membership Meeting. There shall be an annual meeting of the association during the month of February, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, for receiving the annual reports of the previous year, and the transaction of other business.

Section 2. Special Membership Meeting(s): A special meeting(s) of the association may be called by the president or the Board of Directors or shall be called by the president upon written request of twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting membership of the association.

Section 3. The usual parliamentary rules as laid down in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all deliberation, when not in conflict with these bylaws.

Section 4. Notice of Meetings: Written notice of said membership meetings shall be sent to each member in good standing of the association at his/her last known address at least seven (7) days prior to the holding of such meetings.

Section 5. Quorum. A quorum of members shall consist of the number of members present at any regular meeting or any special meeting of which notice is given, provided however, that in no instances shall such quorum consist of less than twenty-five (25) members in good standing.

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number: The Board of Directors shall consist of twelve elected or appointed (12) members of the association in good standing, plus voting Past Presidents as described in Article VII, Section 1 and Directors Emeriti as described in Article VI Section 10.

Section 2. Term of office: The twelve (12) elected or appointed directors shall serve for a period of three (3) years, with the terms of office of four (4) expiring one year, four (4) expiring the following year, and four (4) expiring the next year. The provisions of the preceding sentences shall be subject to the provisions of Article VI, Section 1 hereof and should such section operate to extend the term of office of the president elect, the number of directors specified in said preceding sentence shall, in any such year, be reduced by one (1).

Section 3. Election: The election of directors shall be held by mail ballot during the fourth quarter of the year in a manner prescribed by these bylaws. Persons to be considered for nominees for director shall be recommended by a voting member of this association. Each proposed candidate for nomination must be eligible for nomination and shall have been a member in good standing for at least one (1) year prior to election. An official recommendation form for the purpose of recommending nominees to fill the existing vacancies of the Board of Directors for any one (1) term shall be mailed to the entire senior membership. This form will designate said vacancies and the stipulated number of recommendations required. Said form must be signed by a member in good standing in order to qualify. The recommendations returned by the membership shall be tallied and screened by the nominating committee for the purpose of choosing the slate of candidates recommended by the membership, preferably resulting in two (2) candidates for each vacancy on the board. This then will comprise the names that will appear on the official ballot for the purpose of electing the new Board of Directors. This ballot will then be mailed to the entire senior membership and the board members elected in accordance with the ballots returned to the person(s) appointed by the Board of Directors. Each Member in good standing is entitled to one vote, and ballot must be signed by the member in order to be counted. Only the marked ballots returned will be counted.

In case of a tie, the candidate with the most years as a PCQHA member will be declared the winner. Should a tie still exist, the candidate with the most years as an AQHA member will be declared the winner.

Section 4. Any vacancy in the Board of Directors caused by death, resignation, or any due cause, shall be filled by appointment by a majority of the remaining directors, though less than a quorum. Any qualified member of the association so appointed shall serve for the balance of the unexpired term of predecessor in office, and until the qualification and election of a successor. If the appointment is less than one (1) calendar year, it shall not count as a term in office. The Board of Directors has the power to shorten the term of an appointed director to balance the terms of the board members. At no time may the Board of Directors lengthen the term of any director.

Section 5. Quorum: Seven (7) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any and all business which may come before it. Voting past presidents as defined by Article VII and Directors Emeriti as defined by Article VI shall be included in the count when determining if a quorum is present.

Sections 6. Powers: (A) The corporate powers of this association shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have general charge of the affairs, funds

and property of the association, and shall have full power to conduct the business of the association, and it shall be their duty to enforce the bylaws.

(B) The Board of Directors shall have power and authority to expel or suspend any member or director as provided in Article II, **Section 10** of these bylaws.

(C) The directors, by a majority vote, shall have the power to incur indebtedness, which shall be entered in a cashbook or journal and ledger of the corporation, and reported at the next meeting of the directors and entered in the minutes of such meeting.

Section 7. Duties: (A) It shall be the duty of the directors to conduct, manage and control the affairs and business of the corporation and to promulgate and enforce rules and regulations therefore not inconsistent with the laws of the state of California, or the bylaws of the corporation.

(B) It shall be the duty of the directors to cause to be kept a complete record of all of their minutes and acts, and of all proceedings of the members, and to present a full statement of the regular annual meeting of the members showing in detail the assets and liabilities of the corporation and the condition of its affairs generally.

(C) The directors shall, by resolution, regularly passed and recorded in the minutes of their meeting, designate a bank or banks with which the funds of the corporation shall be deposited.

(D) The directors shall, by resolution, regularly passed and recorded with the minutes of their meeting, designate the manner in which checks on any bank account of the corporation shall be signed, as well as the form of the endorsement of the corporation to be placed upon checks or other instrument for the purpose of deposit or otherwise.

Section 8. Absence: Any member of the Board of Directors unable to attend a board meeting shall, in a letter addressed to the PCQHA office, state the reason for his/her absence. If a director is absent from three (3) consecutive board meetings for reasons that the board has failed to declare to be sufficient, resignation shall be deemed tendered. If a director is absent from fifty percent (50%) or more than fifty percent (50%) of the board meetings held during a calendar year, reasons notwithstanding, resignation shall be deemed tendered. Upon the conditions of either situation listed above, the executive committee will review the director's performance on the board of Directors and the committees to which he/she is assigned. And, on this basis, will accept or reject the director's resignation.

Section 9. Director Mission Statement. As an elected director of the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association, the honor of serving the membership is a privilege, not a right. By accepting the nomination to the board, if elected, each director pledges to act diligently on behalf of the PCQHA by:

- Holding PCQHA in a positive light at all times.
- Soliciting new members.
- Actively participating in fund-raising activities.
- Making public relations visits to various equine clubs and related activities.

- Acting at all times in the best interest of the American Quarter Horse, the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association, and their members.
- Fulfilling such obligations and duties as may be required as director, officer, and/or committee member.
- If such time arises that a director can no longer fulfill the spirit of this pledge, that director will resign in favor of one who can and will. Should the Board of Directors determine that a Director has violated this pledge, said Director can be removed at a meeting with a quorum of Directors presented by a majority vote of the Directors attending.

Section 10. All PCQHA Directors (newly elected and incumbents) are required to attend the PCQHA Annual Convention and Board Meeting. Roll call will be taken at the Board Meeting. Failure to attend two consecutive conventions will result in automatic removal from the board, reasons not withstanding.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 1. The elective officers of this association shall be president, president elect, vice president and treasurer, who shall be elected by and from the Board of Directors. The term of office of all officers shall be two (2) years. Confirmation of the second year of the term requires majority approval of the Board of Directors. Said confirmations shall be made at the September meeting of the Board of Directors. Any officer whose elected term to the Board of Directors expires during his/her term as an officer will be automatically nominated for the next election even though term of office exceeds Article V, Section II. If the currently elected term to the Board of Directors of the president-elect expires at the end on his/her first year as president elect, his/her term in office will be automatically extended. The president elect shall automatically advance to the office of president at the first regular board meeting in the first year of his/her presidency. For this purpose the term as director of the president elect will be deemed automatically extended for such period of time, as may be required to enable compliance with the foregoing provision.

Section 2. Duties: Officers may be called upon by the president or Board of Directors to represent the association at legislative and governmental affairs and at meetings of the American Quarter Horse Association and local Quarter Horse association meetings and at such other affairs and meetings and groups as may be deemed desirable and appropriate.

Section 3. Each elective officer shall take office at the annual convention and shall serve for a term of two (2) years and until successor is duly qualified and elected in accordance with **Section 1.**

Section 4. Vacancies in any office may be filled for the balance of the term thereof by appointment by the Board of Directors at any regular meeting.

Section 5. President: The president shall be the chief executive officer of the association and shall preside at meetings of the association and of the Board of Directors and shall be

a member ex officio of all committees. The president shall also, at the annual meeting of the association and at such other times as shall be deemed proper, communicate to the association or to the Board of Directors such matters and make such suggestions as may in the president's opinion, tend to promote the welfare and increase the usefulness of the association, and shall perform such other duties as are necessarily incidental to the office of president or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The president of the Association, upon completion of his/her term of office, shall be awarded an honorary life membership.

Section 6. President Elect. In the absence of the president, the president elect shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the president and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Vice President: In the absence of the president and the president elect, the vice president shall perform the duties of the president and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Treasurer: The treasurer shall keep, or cause to be kept, an account of all moneys received and extended for the use of the association. All sums received he/she shall deposit or cause to be deposited in the bank or banks or trust company approved by the Board of Directors, and shall make a report at the annual meeting or when called upon by the president. At the expiration of term of office, the treasurer shall deliver or cause to be delivered over to successor all books, moneys and other property, or in the absence of the treasurer elect, the president.

Section 9. In order to provide fair and adequate protection for the officers, directors and employees of the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association from potential liability which may arise from time to time by virtue of authorized conduct and action done in the furtherance of association business and activities, the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association, a California non-profit corporation, acting by and through its Board of Directors, thereunto duly authorized, does hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless each association officer, director and salaried employee, from individual liability, whenever or however arising from authorized, non-negligent, good faith acts, conduct and decisions made or incurred in the furtherance of the association's business and in the individual's official capacity. If such individual is sued in a court of law, the association shall defend that individual at the association's cost on the condition that the association may direct the defense thereof and have full authority as to disposition of the case. The individual being protected will cooperate fully with the association in the defense of said liability and will promptly notify the Board of Directors of the Association of the existence of any potential claim of liability or of the filing of a suit against the individual; and will give the association full access to all information and records pertaining to the transaction.

Section 10. Director Emeritus. In recognition of the individual who has, in the past, served PCQHA faithfully as a regular Director be awarded lifetime tenure on the following basis: The individual who has reached the age of 65 years, having served the

previous 10 consecutive years as a regular Director. Upon reaching his/her 65th birthday, he/she will continue as a regular Director until the next annual meeting, whereupon he/she will automatically be elevated to Director Emeritus, thereby creating a vacancy to be filled by election of a regular Director. Any and all Director Emeriti will retain voting privileges provided he or she has fulfilled the director's attendance requirements (as set forth in Article V, Section 8) in the previous calendar year. Director Emeriti will be awarded life membership in PCQHA.

ARTICLE VII - PAST PRESIDENTS

Section 1. All past presidents are ex-officio members of the Board of Directors without voting privileges; except as described herein. Any and all past presidents will retain voting privileges provided he or she has fulfilled the director's attendance requirements (as set forth in Article V, Section 8) in the previous calendar year.

Section 2. A past president who has become inactive can regain voting privileges by becoming active. A past president will be deemed to be active after attending 3 (three) consecutive board meetings.

ARTICLE VIII - FISCAL YEAR & SURETY BONDS

Section 1. Fiscal Year and Review of accounts: The Corporation shall conduct its affairs on the fiscal year basis, same to begin on January 1 and end December 31 of the same year. An annual commercial review of the accounts of the association shall be made by a certified public account at the close of each fiscal year and or at such other times as the Board of Directors shall direct, but such review shall take place at least once annually. The results of said review or reviews shall be reported to the next annual meeting of the members. Such accountant shall be a disinterested person, and not a member of the Association.

Section 2. Surety Bonds: All officers or employees or members of the association who may be charged with the handling of any funds of the association shall give a surety bond, the premium for which shall be paid by the association, in such reasonable amount as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX - MEETING OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Regular Meetings: Regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at least every other month during the calendar year. The specific day will be coordinated and available at the PCQHA office. The date for any meeting may be changed by order of the board or if, in the opinion of the president, an alternate date would better suit the convenience of the majority of directors for any meeting or meetings.

- A. All meetings will be open to guests. Visiting members are not entitled to vote on any question that may come before the Board of Directors. Should a guest

wish to address the Board, a request must be made in writing. The Board may accept or deny the request by a simple majority.

- B. Any open meeting, by a simple majority of the Board of Directors, may be closed at any time during said meeting. Should the Board vote to close a meeting, all guests will be asked to vacate the meeting room.

Section 2. Special Meetings: Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the president upon written notice to the directors personally or by mail at least seventy-two (72) hours before the date fixed for such special meeting. The date of mailing shall be deemed the date of receipt. The proposed agenda of such special meeting must be expressed in the notice of such special meeting. If in any case, the address of a director be not shown on the records or be readily ascertainable, notice shall be given him/her by addressing such notice to him at last address shown on the association records. Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given to the absent director if the time and place be fixed at the meeting adjourned.

Section 3. Validity: The transactions at any meeting of the Board of Directors, however called and noticed, or wherever held, shall be as valid as though had at a meeting duly held after regularly called and noticed, provided a quorum be present, and provided further that either before or after the meeting each of the directors not present shall sign a written waiver of notice or consent to the holding of such meeting, or an approval of the minutes thereof. All such waivers, consents and approvals shall be made a part of the minutes of the meeting and filed among the association records.

ARTICLE X - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The president, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, shall annually appoint such standing committees as may be required by the bylaws and such special or subcommittees as he/she may find necessary. Committees shall be composed of six (6) members and one (1) chairman unless it is deemed more desirable to increase or decrease the size of the committee. The president shall appoint a vice-chairman from each committee membership to act in the absence of the committee chairman. Committees shall be appointed from the membership unless otherwise specifically approved by the Board of Directors. Committees are responsible to the Board of Directors and each committee chairman shall make a report to the Board of Directors, in writing if so requested, of each of committee's meetings at the first succeeding Board of Directors meeting. Each committee chairman shall be a member of the board. The chairman shall chair one committee at a time, but may be a member of more than one committee.

Section 2. Standing Committees: The following will comprise the official standing committees:

- Executive Committee
- Finance Committee
- Nominating and Election Committee

- Youth Committee
- Show Committee

Additional Committees or Subcommittees may be appointed by the president as stated under Article X, **Section 1**.

Section 3. Nominating Committee: The nominating committee will consist of three (3) members. They will be the immediate past president, the president and the president elect.

Section 4. Executive Committee: The executive committee will consist of five (5) members. They will be the president, president elect, vice president and two (2) members of the Board of Directors elected by and from the membership of the Board of Directors at the first regular meeting of the board following the annual election. Three (3) members of this committee present at a meeting will be considered a quorum. All powers of the Board of Directors are hereby vested in the executive committee. All actions of the executive committee shall be ratified by the Board of Directors at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Election Committee: The election committee shall consist of three (3) members. They will be the same as the nominating committee. They will cause the official ballots to be mailed directly from the individual member to the auditors presently serving the association. A procedure to validate that all ballots received are from a current member will be worked out between the auditor and the PCQHA office. Upon receipt, tabulation and validation of the ballots, the auditor will furnish the results to each member of the election committee and the PCQHA office. All ballots and envelopes will be returned to the PCQHA office where they will be held for sixty (60) days.

ARTICLE XI - CONSTRUCTION OF BYLAWS

Section 1. On all questions arising as to the construction or the meaning of the bylaws, the decision of the Board of Directors shall be final unless rescinded by the members of the association at an annual meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF BYLAWS

Section 1. Power to repeal or amend these bylaws and adopt new bylaws is hereby delegated to the Board of Directors, subject to the conditions and limitations expressed in Section 9400 of the Corporations Code of the State of California.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Section 1. Power to repeal or amend these articles of incorporation is hereby delegated to the Board of Directors save as otherwise prohibited by law.

PCQHA RULES & REGULATIONS

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CALIFORNIA-BRED SHOW HORSES

1. A Cal-Bred foaled prior to Jan. 1, 1997, is defined as an AQHA registered Quarter Horse foal conceived in California.

2. For foals born on or after Jan. 1, 1997, a Cal-Bred is defined as an AQHA registered Quarter Horse foal conceived in California by a stallion standing in California at the time of conception. If conceived by shipped semen (frozen or cooled), proof of mare's domicile at the time of conception must be provided at the time of application.

When requesting certification as Cal-Bred:

- Original registration papers must be submitted to PCQHA upon application for certification as a Cal-Bred Show Horse.
- If original certificate has not been completed by AQHA, PCQHA will allow provisional, temporary recognition as a Cal-Bred Show Horse, so long as all applicable fees accompany the Cal-Bred application.
- The PCQHA office must receive the original AQHA registration certificate within 6 months from the date of provisional Cal-Bred certification, or **application will be canceled and monies will be forfeited.**

2. Rules for Registration: All Quarter Horses bred in California must be registered with the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association to show in any California-Bred class and/or be eligible for any California Bred Show Horse year end awards. Nominator must be a member in good standing of PCQHA. California-Bred Quarter Horses intended for racing must be recorded as Cal-Bred with the **Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Racing Association.**

The owner (or AQHA recorded Lessee) of the dam at the time of service is the AQHA breeder. The owner (or AQHA recorded Lessee) of the dam at the time of foaling is the Cal-Bred Show Horse breeder. If Lessee, a copy of official AQHA lease must be on file in the PCQHA Office.

Cal-Bred Show Horse points and awards can be earned in Open, Amateur, and Youth Division classes, except for novice classes.

The applicant assumes full responsibility for the proper identification of the horse as a Cal-Bred Show Horse. Accurately kept private records are essential in any case where an application is regarded as questionable; the burden of proof with regard to same rests upon the applicant who shall sustain claims by a preponderance of evidence.

3. Fees for Registration:

		PCQHA Members	Non-members
0 to	\$25	\$50	
Over	\$60	\$85	

Application may be made by mail or in person at the office of the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association.

4. Special Handling: A special "rush" procedure is available for Cal-Bred Show Horse registration. The fee is \$15.00 plus special mailing costs which will guarantee return mail within 24 hours of receipt of all papers designated rush and accompanied by the special fees.

5. Cal-Bred Show Horse Year End Awards: see *Open Division Points*.

C. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SHOW APPROVAL & AWARDS

1. Eligibility for Approval: the PCQHA will approve applications for show approval from clubs, agencies, associations, and individuals which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, are furthering the welfare and acceptance of the Quarter Horse directly by lending its prestige to soliciting funds for worthwhile charities, institutions, awards, etc. which comply with all the rules and regulations regarding PCQHA show approval, and which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, merit such approval on the basis of past performance; or, if no show has been held, on the basis of intent. Shows must be AQHA approved to receive PCQHA approval. The Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any show applying for PCQHA approval if, in its opinion, said show will be conducted in a manner which is not to be in the best interests of the Quarter Horse industry, regardless of whether or not said show has been approved in the past. The Board of Directors, by majority vote, may revoke the previous PCQHA approval of any show if, in its opinion, said show was managed or conducted in a manner, which was not in the best interest of the Quarter Horse industry. In the event of such revocation, PCQHA is obliged to return to the exhibitor any moneys that may have been collected by PCQHA for the purpose of supporting the high point program. Furthermore, in the event of revocation as mentioned above, all points earned at such shows will not count towards year end awards in the PCQHA high point program.

Shows applying for PCQHA approval may be screened by the show and contest committee and PCQHA staff for past performance. Show approval does not imply that all classes are approved. The AQHA Journal published immediately before the show date is the official class list.

2. All applications for show approval must be made on PCQHA official show approval forms, which are provided by the PCQHA office. The criteria are as follows:

A. Management must submit a fee, which will be set by the PCQHA Board of Directors, for each AQHA show number submitted for approval. This fee must accompany the official PCQHA application form and be received at least ninety (90) days prior to the event. If show approval is denied, the fee will be returned. After PCQHA has granted approval, fee is not refundable for any reason. Should show management be seeking approval for a multiple, consecutive day show circuit, then no less than a single fee may accompany application. Upon approval of all shows in the circuit, balance of approval

fees must reach the PCQHA office a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to the first date of the event. Show management that fails to include payment with show approval application(s) will be charged a penalty of \$25 per show number.

B. AQHA Special Events (no more than 2 AQHA approved events) will be considered for PCQHA approval upon receipt of a fee, which will be set by the PCQHA Board of Directors, for each AQHA show number. Criteria for approval are the same as in “A” above.

NOTE: A final cutoff date for show approval may be established by the PCQHA office to allow for sufficient time to tabulate year-end standings prior to the PCQHA convention. Effective 1/1/2001, points earned in shows beginning no later than December 1st will be counted for high point awards for the subsequent year.

C. In addition to the approval fees described in A and B above, show management will submit to the PCQHA office two dollars (\$2.00) per entry in every PCQHA approved class. This \$2.00 fee will be maintained to assist in the establishment of a year-end awards program, with 50% going to the administration of the program, and 50% going to the awards purchase.

D. Upon completion of the show, the final report form and a check for the \$2.00 per entry fee must be mailed to the PCQHA office within TEN (10) days of the final day of the show. The following table will be used to assess penalties:

DAYS	AMOUNT PENALIZED
0-10	none
11-30	\$100
31-60	\$200
60 or more	\$300

E. Show secretaries MUST notify PCQHA of any problems arising subsequent to completion of the show, which may affect final AQHA points.

F. The secretary and show manager cannot be the same person. Show manager and show secretary must have a current year individual PCQHA membership.

G. PCQHA will provide each show with review forms for the exhibitor to complete and return to the PCQHA office that will be kept on file for future PCQHA approval.

H. PCQHA will approve youth classes on weekdays due to year-round education. Show management is encouraged to schedule youth classes only on weekends.

PCQHA Approved Youth Qualifying shows will be held on weekends only. Consideration will be given to dates, geography, and facilities.

I. PCQHA will not consider rule changes that affect the current year after the November board meeting of the preceding year. Corrections or interpretation of rules will be considered at any time throughout the year as necessary.

3. Class Requirements:

- A. AQHA Handbook will prevail.
- B. NCHA rules to apply in cutting classes.

J. PCQHA may not approve any horse show the same day(s) as our annual convention.

POINTS (ALL DIVISIONS)

PCQHA points are tabulated as follows and are added to AQHA points earned:

# Horses in Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
1	1								
2	2	1							
3	3	2	1						
4	4	3	2	1					
5	5	4	3	2	1				
6	6	5	4	3	2	1			
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
9 &	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Example: a horse placing 2nd in a class of 18 entries would receive 2 AQHA points and 8 PCQHA points for 10 Total Points.

NOTE 1: AQHA awards points to qualifying two-year-old and older horses entered and exhibited in AQHA-approved shows and performance events, and to yearlings entered and exhibited in their appropriate halter and showmanship classes only. AQHA does not award points to weanlings.

NOTE 2: No PCQHA points will be awarded to un-named weanlings.

A minimum of forty (40) total points are needed to qualify for any year-end award.

Grand and reserve champion points will be awarded so that the grand champion will get one more point than the highest earning horse in that sex division. The reserve champion horse will receive points equal to the highest earning horse in that sex division.

For points to count in the PCQHA Year-End High Point Award Program, ALL REGISTERED OWNERS & EXHIBITORS of a competing horse IN ALL DIVISIONS must be members in good standing of PCQHA at the time of showing for points to count towards year-end awards. Youth exhibitors must be members in good standing of PCQHYA to earn awards in the youth division, and/or qualify to participate in PCQHA youth team competition. Amateur exhibitors must be members in good standing of PCQHA to earn awards in the amateur division. Points earned by any horse during a lapse of owner's membership will not be picked up on subsequent payment. For a complete explanation of membership requirements, refer to Article III, **Section 1**.

Year-End awards will be made only to current PCQHA members in good standing.

Points for new members will be tabulated from the date the application and moneys are received by the PCQHA office.

The PCQHA office must be notified of any discrepancy in points within 30 days of the first publication in the Pacific Coast Journal. Discrepancies that are not identified within 30 days of publication may not be resolved if year-end awards are affected.

OPEN DIVISION

1. Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association high point year-end awards will be made in the following AQHA approved Open Division classes:

HALTER	Category I	Weanling Stallions or Weanling Geldings Yearling Stallions Two-year-old Stallions Three-year-old Stallions Performance Stallions Aged Stallions (Four- year-old and Older) Weanling Mares Yearling Mares Two-year-old Mares Three-year-old Mares Performance Mares Aged Mares (Four- year-old and Older) Broodmares Yearling Geldings
PERFORMANCE	Category II	Junior Reining Senior Reining Hackamore and Snaffle Bit Reining

Junior Working Cow Horse Senior
Working Cow Horse Hackamore
and Snaffle Cow Horse Green
Western Riding
Junior Western Riding
Senior Western Riding
Green Trail
Junior Trail
Senior Trail
Ranch Riding

Category III Team Penning
Junior Barrel Racing
Senior Barrel Racing
Junior Pole Bending
Senior Pole Bending

Category IV Jumping
Working Hunter
Green Working Hunter
Hunter Hack

Category V Green Western Pleasure
Junior Western Pleasure
Senior Western Pleasure
Two-Year-Old Snaffle Bit
Green Hunter Under Saddle
Junior Hunter Under Saddle
Senior Hunter Under Saddle
Pleasure Driving

Category VI Tie Down Roping
Dally Team Roping - Heading
Daily Team Roping - Heeling
Junior Cutting
Senior Cutting

Any change in AQHA classes by category will automatically realign PCQHA classes accordingly.

2. Points will be awarded the same as described in POINTS (ALL DIVISIONS). Each open division class year-end award will be presented to the horse's legal owner who was a PCQHA member in good standing on the date the horse earned its last PCQHA point(s) for that class. If a horse is exhibited in the open division by a youth member, but

ownership is in the parent's names, the parents must be current members in good standing of PCQHA in order for points to count.

3. ALL AROUND CHAMPION - JUNIOR HORSE (5 Years & Under): A year-end award will be given to the junior all-around horse. A total of three hundred (300) or more points with a minimum of forty (40) points earned in halter classes and a minimum of one hundred twenty five (125) points earned in each of at least two (2) categories of performance classes.

4. ALL AROUND CHAMPION - SENIOR HORSE (6 Years & Older): A year-end award will be given to the senior all-around horse. A total of three hundred (300) or more points with a minimum of forty (40) points earned in halter classes and a minimum of one hundred twenty five (125) points earned in each of at least two (2) categories of performance classes.

CAL – BRED SHOW HORSE AWARDS

1. Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association high point year-end awards will be made to the High-Point California Bred Show Horse in the following AQHA approved Open Division classes:

Weanling Stallions or Weanling Geldings
Yearling Stallions
Two-year-old Stallions
Three-year-old Stallions
Performance Stallions
Aged Stallions (Four- year-old and Older)
Weanling Mares
Yearling Mares
Two-year-old Mares
Three-year-old Mares
Aged Mares (Four- year-old and Older)
Performance Mares
Yearling Geldings
Two-year-old Geldings
Three-year-old Geldings
Aged Geldings (Four- year-old and Older)
Performance Geldings
Cutting
Working Cow Horse - Junior
Working Cow Horse - Senior
Working Cow Horse – Hackamore
Heading – Junior
Heading – Senior
Heeling – Junior
Heeling - Senior

Tie Down Roping – Junior
Tie Down Roping – Senior
Barrel Racing – Junior
Barrel Racing – Senior
Pole Bending – Junior
Pole Bending – Senior
Reining – Junior
Reining – Senior
Western Riding - Green
Western Riding – Junior
Western Riding – Senior
Trail - Green
Trail – Junior
Trail – Senior
Western Pleasure - Green
Western Pleasure – Junior
Western Pleasure – Senior
Hunter Under Saddle - Green
Hunter Under Saddle – Junior
Hunter Under Saddle – Senior

2. ALL AROUND CHAMPION - CAL-BRED SHOW HORSE: The horse must be registered as a Cal-Bred Show Horse before any points will count. (Points earned before the horse is recorded as a Cal-Bred Show Horse will not be calculated). A total of two hundred-fifty (250) or more points with a minimum of **forty (40) points** earned in halter classes and a minimum of one hundred (100) points earned in each of at least two (2) categories of performance classes. Points for this category will be tabulated from PCQHA approved open division events only. Limited classes will not be counted when tabulating points for this category.

3. CHAMPION CAL BRED PERFORMANCE BREEDER: Awarded to the breeder of Cal Bred Show Horses earning the most total performance points. A minimum of **forty (40) points** are needed to qualify.

4. CHAMPION CAL BRED HALTER BREEDER: Awarded to the breeder of Cal Bred Show Horses earning the most total halter points. A minimum of **forty (40) points** are needed to qualify.

5. CHAMPION CAL-BRED STALLION OWNER: PCQHA member that owns the stallion that sires the most point earning Cal-Bred Show Horse foals. In the event of a tie, the award will be presented to the sire of foals receiving the most points. Should a tie still exist, the sire of foals entered in the most PCQHA approved classes.

8. CAL BRED SHOW HORSE AWARDS. These awards are calculated on a Cal Bred horses' PCQHA show record, effective January 1, 1999:

- **Cal – Bred Register of Merit (Performance)** - Awarded to all Cal – Bred foals earning a minimum of 50 PCQHA points in any combination of performance classes.
- **Cal – Bred Register of Merit (Halter)** – Awarded to all Cal – Bred foals earning a minimum of 50 PCQHA points in halter. (A minimum of 40 points must be earned as a yearling or older).
- **Cal – Bred Superior (Event) Horse** – Awarded to any Cal – Bred foal that has earned a minimum of 250 PCQHA points in any AQHA class. For a Superior award in halter, a minimum of 200 PCQHA points must have been earned as a yearling or older.
- **Cal – Bred Performance Champion** – Awarded to any Cal – Bred foal that has earned a minimum of 3 Cal – Bred Superior awards in performance classes.
- **Cal – Bred Supreme Performance Champion** – Awarded to any Cal – Bred foal that has earned a minimum of 6 Cal – Bred Superior awards in performance classes.

For further information on Cal-Bred Show Horse Registration, see *Rules & Regulations for California-Bred Show Horses*.

AMATEUR DIVISION

1. Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association high point year-end awards will be made in the following AQHA approved Amateur Division classes:

HALTER	Category I	Stallions Two and Stallions Three and Performance Stallions Mares Two and Under Mares Three and Over Performance Mares Geldings Two and Geldings Three and Performance Geldings
PERFORMANCE	Category II	Reining Working Cow Horse Western Riding Trail Ranch Riding
	Category	Team Penning

Barrel Racing
Pole Bending

Category IV Jumping
Working Hunter
Hunter Hack

Category V Western Pleasure
Hunter Under Saddle
Pleasure Driving

Category VI Tie-Down Roping
Breakaway Roping
Daily Team Roping - Heading
Daily Team Roping - Heeling
Cutting

Category VII Showmanship At Halter
Western Horsemanship
Hunt Seat Equitation
Equitation Over Fences

Any change in AQHA classes by category will automatically realign PCQHA classes accordingly.

2. Points will be awarded the same as described in POINTS (ALL DIVISIONS). Every rider competing in an amateur class must be a current member of PCQHA and must possess an amateur card issued by the American Quarter Horse Association.

3. ALL AROUND CHAMPION - AMATEUR: A year-end all-around award will be given to the all-around amateur who earns a total of three hundred (300) or more points with a minimum of **forty (40) points** earned in halter classes and a minimum of one hundred (125) points in each of at least two (2) categories of performance classes. Points will be tabulated on a one-horse, one-rider basis.

NOVICE AMATEUR DIVISION

1. High Point awards in all Novice Amateur Classes offered by AQHA will be given by PCQHA. PCQHA minimum point requirement will apply to all classes.

2. Points will be awarded the same as described in POINTS (ALL DIVISIONS). Every rider competing in a novice amateur class must be a current member of PCQHA and must possess a novice amateur card issued by the American Quarter Horse Association.

3. ALL AROUND CHAMPION - NOVICE AMATEUR: A Year End All Around Award will be given to the Novice Amateur who earns a total of three hundred (300) or more

points with a minimum of one hundred (100) points in each of three (3) categories. Points will be tabulated on a one-horse, one-rider basis.

SELECT AMATEUR DIVISION

A Select Amateur, for purposes of monitoring points for year-end awards, is defined as: Set forth in the AQHA handbook. For individuals who meet these requirements, all points earned will be attributed to the Select Amateur Division. **PCQHA MUST HAVE EXHIBITOR'S DATE OF BIRTH ON FILE FOR POINTS TO BE COUNTED.**

1. High Point awards in all Select Amateur Classes offered by AQHA will be given by PCQHA. PCQHA minimum point requirement will apply to all classes.

2. Points will be awarded the same as described in POINTS (ALL DIVISIONS). Every rider competing in a Select Amateur class must be a current member of PCQHA and must possess an amateur card issued by the American Quarter Horse Association.

3. ALL AROUND CHAMPION - SELECT AMATEUR: A Year-End All-Around Award will be given to the Select Amateur who earns a total of three hundred (300) or more points with a minimum of one hundred (100) points in each of three (3) categories. Points will be tabulated on a one- horse, one-rider basis. **Points in events for which AQHA does not offer Select Amateur Classes (for example, Halter) do not count for the Select Amateur All Around.**

D. PCQHA HALL OF FAME

The Pacific Coast has contributed some of the most outstanding horsemen and horsewomen to ever take the shank of a horse. Not only have many outstanding California people contributed to the breed, the Pacific Coast can boast numerous horses which have left an indelible mark on the American Quarter Horse.

In order to recognize and honor those individuals, PCQHA has established the PCQHA HALL OF FAME.

Requirements will be posted on our website.

BYLAWS OF THE PACIFIC COAST QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote the growth and development of the American Quarter Horse Industry both within PCQHYA and our communities. To encourage the pursuit of excellence of the membership in all avenues of life including scholarship, leadership, family involvement, and community interests while maintaining the highest of personal moral standards, cooperative sportsmanship and support of fellow members.

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this association is and shall be the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Youth Association. This organization shall be a division of the PCQHA, shall operate within the scope of the bylaws, rules and regulations to the PCQHA. The youth must be eligible for membership in the American Quarter Horse Youth Association.

Section 2. The Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Youth Association while operating within the scope of the bylaws, rules and regulations of the PCQHA, shall have a youth constitution specifically designed for the operation of the business of the youth organization.

Section 3. The objectives and purposes of the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Youth Association, hereafter referred to as the PCQHYA, shall be as follows:

- a. To improve and promote the American Quarter Horse breed.
- b. To improve and develop capabilities of youth, both individually and through group participation, in the breeding, raising and exhibition of Quarter Horses.
- c. To develop and improve scholarship, leadership and community interest and participation of young horse enthusiasts.
- d. To encourage high moral character, sportsmanship and clean living among its members.
- e. To establish a means whereby youth members may work in conjunction with the PCQHYA and AQHYA.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Voting Member: Any youth eighteen (18) years of age and under actively interested in Quarter Horses is eligible to become a voting member

Section 2. Youth Member: Any person actively interested in Quarter Horses who is not more than eighteen (18) years of age on January 1 of that membership year is eligible to become a member of this association.

Section 3. Voting Privileges: Members in good standing shall have the privilege of voting at PCQHYA meetings and elections; provided, however, that no such member who shall be delinquent by reason of non-payment of dues shall be entitled to vote while such delinquency continues.

ARTICLE III - FEES AND DUES

Section 1. An annual fee of \$25.00 shall be paid for each annual membership. This fee shall be due and payable on January 1 of each year and shall be considered delinquent if not paid within thirty (30) days thereafter.

Youth Life Memberships are available. The fee of \$100.00 is paid one time and expires on the termination of youth eligibility. Any youth has the option of purchasing a Full Life membership that will be good for youth through adult for the fee of \$350.

Notice to the members of fees payable will be sent to members at their last known address not less than thirty (30) days prior to the end of each calendar year.

Youth Members.....	\$ 25.00
Youth Life Members.....	\$ 100.00 (expires on 19 th birthday)
Full Life Member.....	\$350.00 (youth through adult)

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Membership Meetings: There shall be an annual meeting of the association during the PCQHA Annual Convention, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors of PCQHA, for receiving the annual reports of the previous year, and the transaction of other business.

Section 2. Special Membership Meeting(s): A special meeting(s) of the association may be called by the president or the Board of Directors or shall be called by the president upon written request of twenty-five (25) members in good standing of the voting membership of the association.

Section 3. The usual parliamentary rules as laid down in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all deliberations, when noting conflict with these bylaws.

Section 4. Notice of Membership Meetings: Written notice of said membership meetings shall be sent to each member in good standing of the association at last known address at least seven (7) days prior to the holding of such meeting. For special meetings, notice of meeting must also be seven (7) days before said day of meeting.

Section 5. Quorum: a quorum of members shall consist of the number of members in good standing present at any regular meeting or any special meeting of which notice is given, provided however, that in no instance shall such quorum consist of less than twenty-five (25) members.

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The PCQHYA Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) members in good standing of the youth membership, each of whom shall have been a member of the association for a minimum of one (1) year immediately preceding election as a youth director.

Past Presidents: Youth past presidents will be ex-officio members of the PCQHYA Board of Directors with voting privileges until such time as they reach the age they are no longer eligible for youth membership.

Section 2. Term of Office: The nine (9) directors shall serve for a period of two (2) years, with terms of office of four (4) expiring one (1) year and five (5) the next year in an alternate manner. If a director reaches the age limit for membership in PCQHA before term expires, replacement will be in accordance with Section 5 of Article V.

Section 3. Election: The election of directors shall be held by mail ballot during the last quarter of the year in a manner prescribed by these bylaws. Persons to be considered for nominees for directors shall be recommended by a voting member in good standing of this association. Each proposed candidate for nomination must be eligible for nomination and a member in good standing. An official recommendation form for the purpose of recommending nominees to fill the existing vacancies on the Board of Directors for two (2) years shall be mailed to the entire youth membership.

Said form must be signed by a member in good standing in order to qualify. The recommendations returned by the membership shall be tallied and screened by the nominating committee for the purpose of choosing the slate of candidates recommended by the membership, preferably resulting in two (2) candidates for each vacancy. This then will comprise the name that will appear on the official ballot for the purpose of electing the new Board of Directors. This ballot shall be returned to the person(s) designated by the Board of Directors. Each member in good standing is entitled to one vote, and ballot must be signed by the member in order to be counted. Only the marked ballots returned will be counted.

In case of a tie, the older candidate will be declared the winner. Should a tie still exist, the candidate with the most years as a PCQHA member will be declared the winner. Should a tie still exist, the candidate with the most years as an AQHA member will be declared the winner.

Section 4. Duties of Directors: Duties of the Youth Board of Directors shall be to act on all matters of the youth membership and the youth activities program of the association. They shall review the rules of the association governing the scope of their responsibilities at least once annually, and whenever deemed necessary, make recommendations to the Senior Board of Directors for modifications of the rules and shall perform such other duties as the president of the Board of Directors may so direct.

Section 5. Vacancies: Any vacancy that may occur on the youth board by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the youth board for the unexpired term.

Section 6. Quorum: A majority, five (5) members in good standing of the whole youth board, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the youth board.

Section 7. Absence: Any member of the Board of the Directors unable to attend a board meeting shall, in a letter addressed to the president elect, state the reason for absence. If a director is absent from two (2) consecutive board meetings for reasons, which the board has failed to declare to be sufficient, resignation shall be deemed to have been tendered and accepted. If a director is absent from three (3) board meetings held during a calendar year, reasons notwithstanding, resignation shall be deemed to have been tendered and accepted and the board will then fill the vacancy caused by resignation as provided by these bylaws.

Section 8. Powers of Board: The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to direct the affairs of the organization, including, but not limited to, the right to make, amend and repeal the constitution of the organization, as they may deem expedient, concerning conduct, management and activities of the organization, the admission, classification, qualification, suspension and expulsion of members, removal of officers, expenditure of money and other details relating to the general purposes of the organization, subject to the approval of the advisory board.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 1. The youth elective officers of this association shall be a youth President, President – Elect, Vice President, Secretary – Reporter and Treasurer.

Section 2. Election: The elective officers of the association shall be elected by the Board of Directors. Such election shall take place annually at the first meeting of the board following annual election of Board of Directors. Nominations from the floor by the Board of Directors will be taken. The nominations must be seconded and then voted upon by secret ballot. The office of President shall be filled by the person holding the office of President elect the previous year or shall be determined in advance by the previous year's board of directors. Any director nominated for the officer of President must have served at least one year on the PCQHYA board of directors.

Section 3. Term of Office: Each elective officer shall take office in January and shall serve for a term of one (1) year and until successor is duly qualified and elected.

Section 4. Vacancies in any office may be filled for the balance of the term thereof by the directors at any regular meeting.

Section 5. Duties of Officers:

A. 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, and shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of

Directors. The president shall submit to the members annually at their meeting a report of the status of the association and its activities during the preceding year. The president shall appoint all committees of the association subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. No directors of this association may serve more than two (2) years as president.

The president shall have such other and further duties and authority as may be prescribed elsewhere in this constitution or from time to time by the Board of Directors.

B. President - Elect: The President - Elect shall, in the absence, disability or inability to act as the president, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the president and shall perform such other duties as the president shall from time to time prescribe.

C. Vice President: The Vice President shall in the absence, disability or inability to act as the president, or first vice president, perform the duties and exercise such other duties as the president shall from time to time prescribe.

D. Secretary – Reporter: The Secretary – Reporter shall attend all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors and shall record, or cause to be recorded, all votes taken and the minutes of all proceedings in a minute book of the association to be kept for that purpose. He/she shall perform like duties for the committees when requested to do so.

The Secretary – Reporter shall have the principal responsibility to give or cause to be given notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors and the members, but shall not lessen the authority of others to give such notice as provided by this constitution.

The Secretary - Reporter shall have the responsibility of reporting on the activities of the association and of the individual members of the association to the Quarter Horse Journal. He/she shall maintain a scrapbook of all the activities of the association.

The Secretary - Reporter shall serve as historian of the association and shall have and perform such other duties, from time to time as prescribed by the Board of Directors or the president.

E. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for making financial reports of the PCQHYA.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Regular Monthly Meetings: The PCQHYA Board of Directors will meet on a monthly basis or when deemed necessary.

Section 2. Special Meetings: Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the president or by an officer upon written notice to the directors personally or by mail at least seventy-two (72) hours before the date fixed for such special meeting. The proposed agenda of such special meeting must be expressed in notice of such special meeting. If in any case, the address of a director is not shown on the records or be readily

ascertainable, notice shall be given him by addressing such notice to him at last address shown on the association records. Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given to the absent director if the time and place to be fixed at the meeting adjourned.

Section 3. Place of Business: The PCQHYA Board will meet wherever deemed necessary upon receipt of written notice.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

All committees will be appointed by the PCQHYA President. THE PCQHYA board member shall hold the title of committee chair.

Section 1. Nominating: The nominating committee shall consist of the PCQHA youth activities committee, the PCQHYA president and two (2) board members of the PCQHYA.

Section 2. Fundraising: The fundraising committee shall consist of one person from the youth activities committee and at least one board member of the PCQHYA.

Section 3. Youth World Show Committee: the youth world show committee shall consist of one person from the youth activities committee and at least one board member of the PCQHYA.

Section 4. Events Committee: the events committee shall consist of one person from the youth activities committee and at least one board member of the PCQHYA.

Section 5. Public Relations: the public relations committee shall consist of one person from the youth activities committee and at least one board member of the PCQHYA.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The constitution of the association may be amended at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of the directors present, provided a quorum of the directors is in attendance.

ARTICLE X - YOUTH POINT SYSTEM - PCQHYA HIGH POINT AWARDS

Year-End awards will be made only to current PCQHYA members in good standing. Membership fees are due annually by January 1 of the show year, as stated in Article III, Section 2 of the open division.

Ownership requirements are set by AQHA and evidence of eligibility must be evidenced by official AQHA documentation at the time the horse is entered in any youth activity show or class. No horse may be shown by more than one contestant in any one class. A contestant may not show more than one horse in any one class, except in individual working events (reining, working cow horse, western riding, barrel racing, pole bending, stake racing, jumping, working hunter, trail, calf roping, dally team roping - heading, dally team roping - heeling, breakaway roping and cutting) in which a rider may show the

number of horses permitted by AQHA rules. Nor may any horse be shown in more than one subdivision of any type of event. (Example: A horse ridden in a Reining class by a youth in the 13-year-old and younger group cannot also be ridden in a reining class by a youth in the 14 through 18-year old group). Should a contestant qualify two or more horses for grand and reserve champion in halter classes, he/she may have another youth lead them back for the championship judging."

Youth should be cautioned that an infraction of this rule or any other AQHA rule, whether or not intentional, may result in disqualification from high point awards at the discretion of the PCQHA Board of Directors.

Points will be tabulated on a one horse, one youth basis. A youth may exhibit more than one horse. However, points will be kept separately on each horse as they apply to year-end awards.

1. Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association high point year-end awards will be made in the following AQHA approved Youth Division classes:

HALTER	Category I	Mares Geldings Performance Mares Performance
PERFORMANC E	Category II	Reining Working Cow Horse Western Riding Trail Ranch Riding
	Category III	Team Penning Barrel Racing Pole
	Category IV	Jumping Working Hunter Hunter
	Category V	Western Pleasure Hunter Under Saddle
	Category VI	Tie Down Roping Breakaway Roping Daily Team Roping - Heading Dally Team Roping - Heeling Cutting
	Category VII	Showmanship At Halter Western Horsemanship

Hunt Seat Equitation
Equitation Over Fences

Any change in AQHA classes by category will automatically realign PCQHYA classes accordingly.

2. Points will be awarded the same as described in POINTS (ALL DIVISIONS). Every rider competing in a youth class must be a current member of PCQHYA and must possess a youth card issued by the American Quarter Horse Association.

3. Youth points will be kept in the following age categories:

13 and Under: Halter, Category II, IV, V, VII

14 to 18: Halter, Category II, IV, V, VII

18 and Under: Category III, VI

4. ALL AROUND CHAMPION - 13 AND UNDER: A year-end award will be given to the all-around youth (13 & under) who earns a total of three hundred (300) or more points with a minimum of forty (40) points earned in halter classes and a minimum of one hundred twenty five (125) points in each of two (2) categories of performance classes. Points will be tabulated on a one-horse, one-youth basis.

5. ALL AROUND CHAMPION - 14-18: A year-end award will be given to the all-around youth (14 – 18) who earns a total of three hundred (300) or more points with a minimum of forty (40) points earned in halter classes and a minimum of one hundred twenty five (125) points in each of two (2) categories of performance classes. Points will be tabulated on a one-horse, one-youth basis.

NOVICE YOUTH DIVISION

1. High Point awards in all Novice Youth Classes offered by AQHA will be given by PCQHA. PCQHA minimum point requirement will apply to all classes.

2. Points will be awarded the same as described in POINTS (ALL DIVISIONS). Every rider competing in a novice youth class must be a current member of PCQHYA and must possess a novice youth card issued by the American Quarter Horse Association.

3. ALL AROUND CHAMPION - NOVICE YOUTH: A Year End All Around Award will be given to the Novice Youth who earns a total of three hundred (300) or more points with a minimum of one hundred (100) points in each of three (3) categories. Points will be tabulated on a one-horse, one-rider basis.

PCQYHA YOUTH QUALIFYING RULES & REGULATIONS

PCQHA will select a youth team to represent California at the annual AQHYA World Championship Show. All AQHA youth classes are held at the AQHYA World Championship Show.

Selection procedures will be conducted under the following rules:

1. Any member of the California Youth World Team must be a legal resident of the State of California or a full time student in residence at a public or private educational institution within the State of California for the school year in which the exhibitor wishes to show.
2. Each youth must have been a current member in good standing of AQHYA prior to a youth qualifying show for points earned to be considered for Youth World Show qualifying purposes. All California State Youth Team members must be members in good standing of PCQHYA to participate as a "PCQHYA State Team Member.

SELECTION OF PCQHYA YOUTH TEAM

The team to represent PCQHYA at the AQHYA World Championship Show will be selected as follows:

A. NATIONALLY QUALIFIED TEAM MEMBERS

1. All youth who meet AQHA requirements for qualifying nationally in a particular class will automatically be eligible for the PCQHYA Team, so long as they are members in good standing of PCQHYA prior to June 15 of the qualifying year.
2. Nationally Qualified Team members may enter all classes for which he/she is Nationally Qualified, as well as ***no more than three (3) other performance classes*** for which he/she qualifies under the rules below.
3. All California State Team_{er} members must be members in good standing of AQHYA and PCQHYA by ***May 31*** of the year of the show, with all fees paid in full no later than Jun 15 of the qualifying year.
4. Ownership requirements of horse being shown must be met by ***May 31st*** of current year. (ALL transfers must be completed in the AQHA office and recorded by May 31 of the year of the show.)
5. ALL NATIONAL ENTRIES ARE TO BE SENT TO THE PCQHA OFFICE ON DATES AS SPECIFIED.

B. STATE QUALIFIED YOUTH TEAM MEMBERS

1. Effective May 1, 2013, all PCQHA approved shows and other events held on Saturday or Sunday will be considered qualifying shows for the purpose of selecting a PCQHYA team for the AQHYA World Championship Show. Selection of state qualifiers for the AQHYA World Championship Show will be based on the Exhibitor Show Participation Requirements as follows:

A. For all classes except those listed in paragraph B (below), a PCQHYA member **may** show to as many judges as desired, but **must** show to a minimum of ten (10) judges at PCQHA approved shows. Regardless of the number of judges to which an exhibitor shows, the exhibitor's best 15 placings will be totaled to determine eligibility for the PCQHYA team. After omitting all national qualifiers, utilizing AQHA's criteria for allowed number of participants in each class, the highest point-earning exhibitors will be selected to represent PCQHYA and the state of California at the AQHYA World Show

B. For PCQHYA members wishing to participate 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 at the AQHYA World Champion Show:

PCQHYA member **may** show to as many judges as desired, but **must** show to a minimum of five (5) judges at PCQHA approved event. Regardless of the number of judges to which an exhibitor shows, the exhibitor's best nine (9) placings will be totaled to determine eligibility for the PCQHYA team. After omitting all national qualifiers, utilizing AQHA's criteria for allowed number of participants in each class, the highest point-earning exhibitors will be selected to represent PCQHYA and the state of California at the AQHYA World Show.

3. For the AQHYA World Championship Show, a youth will be selected to represent California in only three (3) performance events per horse in addition to any events in which the exhibitor may be selected by AQHA nationally. (Halter and Performance Halter are NOT considered performance events.) The California Team will not be selected until national placings from AQHA are received in the PCQHA office (usually during the second week of June).

4. The following rules will be used in the event of a tie in any class:

- (a) The most AQHA points in that class; if still tied,
- (b) The most first places in that class; if still tied,
- (c) Continue second through sixth places until the tie is broken.

5. In order to be selected as a Primary Team Member, each candidate must acknowledge **in writing** (return of entry blank) of his or her acceptance **and** intent to exhibit. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY PCQHA OFFICE BY THE DEADLINE INDICATED ON THE ENTRY BLANK OR AN ALTERNATE WILL BE SELECTED BY PCQHA.**

6. Ownership requirements of horse being shown must be met by May 31st of current year. (ALL transfers completed in the AQHA office and recorded by May 31st of the year of the show.)

7. **ALL NATIONAL, STATE AND ALTERNATE ENTRIES ARE TO BE SENT TO THE PCQHA OFFICE. DO NOT SEND ENTRIES TO AQHA; DOING SO WILL RISK YOUR NOT BEING ENTERED.**

8. If a youth qualifies through the State in more than three classes, the exhibitor will be notified by PCQHA via verbal communication. The exhibitor will have up to 24 hours to choose the exhibitor's three (3) primary classes. If the exhibitor is unable to make a choice within that time period, PCQHA (consisting of a panel of board members including the President, Youth Advisor, and three (3) other members selected by the President) will make the final decision. Once the choice has been made concerning the selection of classes, it will not be changed.

C. ALTERNATE TEAM MEMBERS

1. If a Primary Team Member selects not to, or is unable to attend the AQHYA World Championship show, the next-placing youth will be chosen as Alternate for that class, *so long as he/she is not already representing PCQHA in three other performance classes.*
2. Ties will be broken as in # B-3 above.

D. APPLICATION FOR HARDSHIP PROGRAM

1. A student interested in applying for hardship status must apply to PCQHA through the PCQHYA and AQHA Hardship Program for acceptance and must provide detailed verification as outlined in the PCQHYA and AQHA World Hardship Program

Applications. This application is available online at www.pcqha.com. This pertains to the Youth World Show only.

YOUTH QUALIFYING SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. As of May 1st, 2013 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.
2. The qualifying period for the AQHYA World Championship Show will be May 1 thru April 30
3. Points will be awarded the same as PCQHA year-end award points. Points will be tabulated on a one-horse/one youth-exhibitor basis.

NYATT QUALIFYING CRITERIA:

The NYATT classes at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus are: showmanship at halter, western horsemanship, western pleasure, reining, hunter under saddle and barrel racing.

1. The top two (2) exhibitors in the PCQHA High Point Standings (all age divisions will be tabulated as 18 & Under) during the months of January 1 through July 15 of the show year will be qualified to participate as members of the PCQHA NYATT Team. The third place exhibitor will be considered the alternate.
2. Each youth qualified to participate as a team member must acknowledge *in writing* to the PCQHA office their desire to participate in one of the two team positions for an event **or an alternate will be selected**. The written acknowledgment must be received in the PCQHA office by August 15 of the show year. Team alternates will be recommended by the PCQHYA Youth Advisor and approved by the PCQHA Board of Directors