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ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. Name: This organization shall be named the Illinois Quarter Horse Youth Association, in affiliation with the American Quarter Horse Youth Association and within the scope of the rules, by-laws, and regulations of the American Quarter Horse Association. The parent organization shall be the Illinois Quarter Horse Association.

Section 2. Purpose: The objectives and purposes of the Illinois Quarter Horse Association, HEREAFTER referred to as the IQHYA shall be as follows:

- a.) To improve and promote the American Quarter Horse.
- b.) To improve and develop the 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 youth.
- d.) To encourage sportsmanship, cooperation, and high moral character of young horseman.
- e.) To acquaint youth members with the parent organization, the Illinois Quarter Horse Association, it's structure and function.

ARTICLE II MEMBERS

Section 1. Classes of Members: The organization shall be open to any persons eligible to be a member of the AQHYA.

a.) Resident Members: Membership shall be open to any youth residing in the State of Illinois and only resident members shall be elected to Offices.

b.) Non-Resident Members: Membership shall be open to any youth residing outside the State of Illinois. Non-Residents Members shall not be eligible for election to any office and they shall not be eligible to represent Illinois on the World and the Congress Team unless no other member expresses interest.

Section 2. Application for Membership: All applications for membership shall be filed with the Secretary and Treasurer of the IQHYA on a written membership form, which provides Name, Address, County, Telephone #, E-mail Address, New or Renewal, and Birth date.

Section 3. Voting Rights: Each member shall be entitled to one vote per matter submitted to a vote of the membership. No Member shall be permitted to vote by proxy.

Section 4. Termination of Membership: The Board of Directors by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the Board Members, may suspend or expel for cause, after an appropriate hearing; and then by a majority vote of those members of the Board present at any regularly constituted meeting, terminate the membership of any membership of any member who shall be in default in the payment of dues for the period fixed in Article X of these by-laws. Termination or suspension of a

member by the AQHA, AQHYA, or the IQHA will constitute an automatic termination or suspension from the IQHYA.

Section 5. Resignation: Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary, but such action shall not relieve the member of any obligation to pay dues, assessments, or other charges unpaid.

Section 6. Reinstatement: Upon written request signed by a former member and filed with the Secretary, the Board of Directors may by a two-thirds vote, reinstate such former member to membership upon such terms as the board may deem appropriate.

Section 7. Transfer of Membership: Membership in this organization is not transferable or re-assignable.

ARTICLE III MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meeting: An annual meeting of the membership of the IQHYA shall be held during the first sixty (60) days of each calendar year, in conjunction with the IQHA annual meeting. Notification of date, times, and places, etc. shall be sent to the General Membership in accordance with Section 5. The purpose of this General Membership Meeting shall be to transact any business of the organization to come before this meeting. Election of Adult Regional Advisors and Youth Advisors will be confirmed at this meeting. The number of Adult Regional Advisors will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Regional Meetings: Each of the three (3) regions is to conduct a minimum of one (1) meeting for that Region's membership during the calendar year. These Regional meetings are to be called by the Regional Directors and the Adult Regional Advisors. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Reporter will be the presiding officer.

Section 3. Special Meetings: There may be other general membership meetings called during the course of the year. The Adult Advisors, the Presidents, any five (5) members of the Board of Directors, or not less than one-fifth of the members having voting rights may call either.

Section 4. Place of Meeting: The Board of Directors may designate any place either within or out of the State of Illinois, as the place of meetings called by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings: Written or printed notice stating the place, date, and the hour of the meetings of the members shall be delivered either personally, by mail or e-mail to each member entitled to vote at such meetings, not less than five (5) days or more than forty (40) days before the date of such meeting. Whenever possible, the purpose of such meeting should be stated in the notice. If mailed, the notice of such meeting shall be deemed delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his/her address as it appears on the records of IQHYA with the postage thereon prepaid.

Section 6. Quorum: A majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting if a quorum is not present. Not less than ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum at any membership meeting.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. General Powers: Its Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the organization.

Section 2. Number, Tenure, and Qualifications: The Board of Directors shall be made up of the following persons, all of whom must be members of the IQHYA and residents of the State of Illinois; the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Novice Youth Representative, Working Horse Director, and six (6) Regional Directors. The term on the Board will start with the Board Meeting following the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. Regular Meetings: A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without other notice other than by-laws, immediately after and at the same locations as the annual meeting of the members. The Board of Directors may provide the time and place, either within or out of the State of Illinois, for holding of additional regular meetings of the Board of Directors without other notice. The Board of Directors shall meet as often as they determine business warrants.

Section 4. Special Meetings: Special Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called or at the request of the Adult Advisors, the President, or any five (5) of the Directors. The person(s) calling the meeting may fix any place, as the location for holding such a special meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Notice: Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least five (5) days previously, thereto by written notice delivered personally, sent by mail/e-mail, or contacted personally by telephone, to each member of the Board of Directors at his/her address as last shown in the records of IQHYA.

Section 6. Quorum: A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board, provided that if less than a majority of the Directors present at said meeting, a majority of members can adjourn the meeting.

Section 7. Vacancies: A vacancy in any office or directorship of the IQHYA shall be deemed to exist whenever the person holding that office fails to attend two (2) consecutive regular Board of Directors meetings. The Board of Directors, at the same meeting after the vacancy becomes known, shall fill any such vacancy. Any meeting described in this section may be conducted by wire, video, telephone or other electronic transmission.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers: The officers of the IQHYA shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Reporter. The office of Assistant Secretary will be an appointed position by the Secretary. Officers shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are elected and confirmed. The Board may create and fill other offices that it shall deem desirable with such offices to have the authority and responsibility designated by the Board. In no event shall these offices carry with voting privileges and/or membership status on the Board of Directors. No person may hold more than one office at the same time.

Section 2. Election and Term: The Board of Directors shall meet during the month of October each year and draw up a slate of Officers and Adult Advisors to

be elected. A letter will be sent along with written notice of such meeting asking for a reply from those members wishing to nominate for any office. Following said meeting; the Secretary shall mail/e-mail to each member an appropriate ballot containing these nominations as well as provisions for write-in candidates for each office and advisor. Only paid members in good standing may vote in the election of the ensuing year's Officers and Directors. Each member is entitled to one vote, but is only able to vote for Regional Directors and Regional Adult Advisors from his/her region. Ballots must be returned to some uninterested party, such as Certified Public Accountant, Lawyer, or Notary Public, etc. The Board shall designate said person at its October meeting. The nominee receiving the most votes for each office or directorship shall become that officer. The Board shall specify a deadline for returning ballots. In the event of a tie, the Current Executive Board of the ILQHYA shall be responsible for breaking the said tie through a 3/5th vote. The results of the election shall be announced at the annual meeting, with the new Officers being personally notified before so that they might prepare to take over the meeting. The Installation of the Adult Regional Advisors and the Youth Advisors will take place along with the officers at the Annual Membership Meeting.

Section 3. Removal of Officers: Any Officer elected by the members may be removed by the members, after an appropriate hearing and two-thirds vote by the members on the Board of Directors, whenever in their judgment the best interest of IQHYA would be served thereby. The Board of Directors may remove any Officer appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Removal of Adult Advisors or Adult Directors: All removals will be done by the majority vote of the membership when there is a motion to remove Adult Advisors or Adult Directors.

Section 5. Vacancies: A vacancy in any office because of resignation, removal, disqualification, death, or otherwise may be filled by the Board of Directors for the remaining portion of the term.

Section 6. President: The President shall be the principal officer of the IQHYA, and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the IQHYA. He/She shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. He/She in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of President.

Section 7. Vice-President: In the absence of the President or in the inability of his/her presence or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President. When so acting the Vice-President shall have all power and be subject to all the same restrictions upon the President. The Vice-President shall be the official Chairman of the working committees. The Vice-President should also carry out other duties that shall from time to time be assigned by the President of the Board of Directors. The Vice-President shall also be the regional coordinator and be in charge of fundraising activities.

Section 8. Secretary: The role of the Secretary will be supervised by one officer. He/She that is elected to the office of Secretary will appoint an assistant of their choosing. This appointment must come from the membership and shall be announced at the annual membership meeting. The Secretary shall keep the

minutes of the meetings of the members, and of the Board of Directors in books provided for the purpose, see that all notices are duly given in accordance with these by-laws, and keep a register of the post office address/ e-mail address of each member, which shall be furnished, to all regional directors.

Section 9. Treasurer: He/She shall have all custody and be responsible for all funds and duties as the Board directs or he/she sees fit with the consent of the Youth Advisor/Assistant Youth Advisor. He/She shall receive dues and other funds and give receipts for money due and payable to the organization from any source whatsoever and deposit all such monies in the name of IQHYA in such bank, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Article VI. The Treasurer shall assign any of these responsibilities to the assistant, but the elected officer shall be responsible. A current Treasurer's report should be available for each meeting of the Board or of the Membership. The Treasurer shall carry out all duties incident to the office and any others as directed by the Board.

Section 10. Reporter: The Reporter shall have responsibility of reporting on the activities of the association and of individual members of IQHYA to the Reporter of the AQHYA, the editor of the Yearling, (the official publication of the IQHYA and IQHA) and the Website. The Reporter shall serve as historian for the IQHYA adding to the scrapbook for presentation at the AQHYA World Show and whatever other duties the Board of Directors shall designate.

Section 11. Novice Youth Representative: The Novice Youth Representative will be elected from those members of the IQHYA who carry Novice AQHYA cards and will act as a liaison between the Novice Youth members and the rest of the general membership, thus giving proper representation to this part of the organization.

Section 12. Working Horse Director: The Working Horse Director will be elected from those members that show in working horse classes, i.e. Roping, Cutting, and Team Penning, and will act as a liaison between those members who show in working horse classes and the rest of the general membership. He/She will select an assistant who also shows in working horse classes. He/She will hold one meeting for those members, and at least one (1) fundraiser.

Section 13. Regional Directors: The State of Illinois shall be divided into three (3) regions by action of the Board of Directors and two (2) Directors shall serve each Region. This Director shall be in charge of recruiting additional members from the Region as well as calling at least one (1) fund raising effort during the year and represent that Region on the Board of Directors.

Section 14. State Adult Advisors: There shall be one (1) State Advisor and one (1) Assistant State Advisor that shall supervise the activities and programs for the IQHYA. The State Adult Advisor shall be elected yearly. The Adult Advisors of the Board of Directors shall appoint additional adults, where desired to specific projects.

Section 15. Delegates: The Delegates for the AQHYA Convention/Leadership Conference will be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and the Treasurer. The Reporter will be the alternate.

Section 16. AQHYA Y.E.S.: If funds are available, the ILQHYA shall reimburse its members up to \$100 dollars for the expenses incurred in transit to the AQHYA Y.E.S. Seminar. Furthermore, the ILQHYA shall provide half the funds to furnish living quarters for the duration of that event if and only if, more than two individuals are in attendance to the Y.E.S. Seminar escorted by an adult chaperone.

ARTICLE VI CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS, AND FUNDS

Section 1. Contracts: The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or agent of the IQHYA, in addition to those officers so authorized by these by-laws to enter into any contract to execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the association and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2. Checks, Drafts, Etc.: All checks, drafts, or other orders of payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of IQHYA, shall be determined by the resolution by the Board of Directors, or in the absence of that body a joint group of either the treasurer or other executive board members, in conjunction with the Youth Advisor or Assistant Youth Advisor. Furthermore, all economic instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer, or the parent/guardian of the treasurer, or the Youth Advisor/ Assistant Youth Advisor.

Section 3. Deposits: All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of IQHYA in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may elect.

Section 4. Gifts: The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the IQHYA any contribution, gift, bequest or devise for the general or for any special purpose of the IQHYA.

Section 5. Traveling Expenses: If the Youth Advisor is traveling to either the Youth World or Quarter Horse Congress, and their sole purpose is for the Illinois Youth Association, She/He will be reimbursed for their expenses up to \$500.00. Receipts must be submitted.

ARTICLE VII POINT SYSTEM AND METHOD OF TEAM SELECTION

Section 1. General Rules: The Officers and Directors shall present to the membership at each annual meeting the point system and award classification system for the current year. (See attachments on page 9).

ARTICLE VIII BOOKS AND RECORDS

Section 1. Books and Records: The association shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of proceedings of its members, Board of Directors, and Committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors, and shall keep at the principle office a record giving the names and addresses/e-mail addresses of the members entitled to vote. All books and records shall be available to any member or his agent to inspect for any proper purpose at reasonable time.

ARTICLE IX FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of IQHYA shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December in each year.

ARTICLE X DUES

Section 1. Annual and Life Dues: The Board of Directors may determine from time to time the amount of payable IQHYA dues to the association by the members. The Secretary and Treasurer of the IQHYA will collect dues.

Section 2. Payment of Dues: Dues of a new member must be paid in full from the first day of the month in which such new member is elected to membership.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS

Section 1. Amendments: These by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new by-laws may be adopted by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting, provided that at least five (5) days written notice is given of intention to alter, amend, or repeal or to adopt new by-laws at such meeting.

ARTICLE XII REGIONS

Section 1. Regions: The state shall be divided into three (3) regions of somewhat equal population as directed by the Board of Directors. Each region shall be composed of logical groups of one or more whole counties.

ARTICLE XIII SPECIAL ADULT COMMITTEES

Section 1. Special Adult Committees: The President of IQHYA shall have the power to choose a chairperson for Special Adult Committees. These Committees shall have the responsibilities to advise, and/or supervise the youth in various IQHYA functions and projects throughout the year. The IQHYA Board of Directors shall have the power of authority over any such appointed committees.

IQHYA REQUIREMENTS AND METHOD OF TEAM SELECTION FOR THE YOUTH WORLD TEAM AND CONGRESS NYATT TEAM

1. Membership: Must be a current, paid member of IQHYA. Points will start counting when the IQHYA Treasurer receives member's dues.
2. Nominations: Horse must be nominated with IQHA before points will count.
3. Sponsorships: Team members must sell at least six (6) Lil Abe Sponsorships per team (World and/or Congress, 6 for each team), per horse. Sponsorships are to be sent to the Treasurer. Sponsorships must be postmarked on or before May 1st or on the subsequent business day or through E-Mail. Working Horse participants need to have their sponsorships in before the first (1st) qualifying show for the Youth World.
4. Letter of Intent: Youth must submit Letter of Intent to Youth Advisor due no later than March 1st.
5. Each youth must work at least two (2) qualifying hours before the close of the Lil Abe Show in order to be considered for a team. Contact your youth advisor.
6. State Qualifying for the AQHYA Youth World Show Team: From January 1st through the last day of the Lil Abe Circuit Youth Show held in May.
7. State Qualifying for the Congress NYATT Team: From the first (1st) day of the Lil Abe Circuit Youth Show in May through July 31st.
8. Entries per class will be the state leaders in that event of (the last class of Lil Abe Circuit at Gordyville) for the World Team and July 31st for the Congress Team. The number of shows whose points will count toward the Youth World Team selection shall be 60% (rounded to the next whole number) of the approved shows during the qualifying period. The categories where the IQHYA has two age group, the two age groups will be combined, and the individuals with the most points will be considered the state leaders, regardless of age.
9. At the AQHYA Youth World Show each team member may show in a maximum of two (2) performance classes unless asked to fill an open spot. Showmanship is considered a performance class.
10. IQHYA will send four (4) entries per class to the Youth World Show. All four (4) entries will be the first four (4) state leaders in that division. If one of these four state leaders for any reason cannot represent IQHYA in this particular event then the next highest point earner, down to sixth (6th) place will be eligible to go in that event. If no member is eligible or does not want to participate then a member who is qualified may go in more that two (2) events.
11. For the Congress NYATT Team, IQHYA will send twelve (12) individual representatives to participate in the six (6) youth events. The participants will be decided by state leaders of the specific six (6) events. If one of these state leaders for any reason cannot represent IQHYA, then the next highest point earner, down to sixth (6th) place, will be eligible to go in the event. If no

- member who is eligible or does not want to participate, then a member who is qualified may go in more the one (1) event, but not more than two (2) events.
12. The state leaders will be determined in cases of ties by using the following tiebreakers: A.) The most entries beat. B.) The most wins. C.) The most AQHYA points earned, and D.) The most seconds (2nds) won.
 13. If there are no state leaders, then the representative will be chosen by the Adult Advisor.
 14. **SUMMARY FOR TEAMS:** IQHYA will provide the stall rental and one entry fee for the team members that participate in all of the following: they are required to stall together, assist with putting up and/or taking down the stall decorations, march in the parade of state, have six (6) sponsorships per horse per show turned in to the Treasurer by May 1st, and work the two (2) qualifying hours at Lil Abe or another function pre approved by the State Adult Youth Advisor.
 15. If a team member should fail to comply with the above stated rules, the IQHYA will not reimburse said team members for fees and expenses involved in their team participation.

POINT SYSTEM

State points will be awarded through nine (9) places in each class. The 1st place horse in a class of 9 will receive 9 state points, 2nd 8 state points and so on down to 1 state point for 9th place. In a class with less than 9 horses you will receive points for however many in the class. Example: in a class with 5 horses, 1st place would receive 5 points and so on.

- 1st place = 9 points
- 2nd place = 8 points
- 3rd place = 7 points
- 4th place = 6 points
- 5th place = 5 points
- 6th place = 4 points
- 7th place = 3 points
- 8th place = 2 points
- 9th place = 1 point

This point system is used for qualifying all youth teams and year-end awards.

YEAR END AWARDS

Year end points will start on January 1st of each year through the end of September. The Board of Directors shall announce each January to the membership the classifications for Year-end Awards. Year-end awards shall be presented to the high point horses or youth in each classification as well as the top all around and reserve for the 13 and under division, 14-18 division and novice division for the year.

JIM HAMILTON AWARD

Each year the membership shall present this Jim Hamilton award to the adult who they feel has contributed the most during the current year to the IQHYA and/or to its members. This award shall be non-retiring and revolving so that the recipient shall possess it for the ensuing year. There shall be an award to the

recipient to keep permanently. It will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet in January.

AQHYA/IQHYA SCHOLARSHIPS

The American Quarter Horse Association and the Illinois Quarter Horse Association has made available scholarships to the AQHYA/IQHYA members who are enrolled in or are planning to enroll in college, university or trade school. Member must be a full time student during the semester for which the scholarship is granted. Applications can be obtained from the AQHYA or the IQHYA State Advisors.