

By-Laws of the Oregon Quarter Horse Amateur Division

Chapter One

Section 1. Title of Enactment: This enactment will be referred to as the Oregon Quarter Horse Amateur Division By-Laws.

Section 2. Name of the Organization: “The Oregon Quarter Horse Amateur Division” shall be the name of the organization.

Chapter Two-Mission Statement

The organizations objective is to promote in all ways the interests of the American Quarter Horse.

Chapter Three-Where Powers Vested

Except as these by-laws provide otherwise, all powers of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors. **Board of Directors-**The board shall be composed of the President, Ex-Officio President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and a minimum of 2 (maximum of 5) Directors elected from current members in good standing. Terms of office shall be (1) calendar year starting January 1st. All officers must meet current membership requirements and be a member in good standing with OQHA, OQHAD and AQHA. The Board shall adopt rules and regulations for the government of its members.

Chapter Four-Board of Directors

Meetings- The board of directors shall hold scheduled meetings when deemed necessary.

Attendance- All board members and officers will attend board meetings. In the event that a board member or officer is unable to attend a scheduled meeting he/she shall inform the President or Vice-President prior to the meeting. When needed officers may be contacted by phone or email to discuss or vote on group issues.

Quorum- A majority of the Board members constitute a quorum for its business.

Public

Meetings- All meetings and deliberations of the Board of Directors shall be open to the public.

Function of Officers and Board Members

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. The President shall preside over all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors. The President shall submit to the members at the annual convention a report on the status of the Association and its activities.

Ex-Officio Pres. At the time of the elections, when a new president is in-stalled, the out- going president will serve as ex-officio member of the board with (1) vote until such time as the presiding president is replaced by vote.

Vice-President The Vice-President shall assist the President with the coordination and administration of the by-laws, rules and regulations. In the absence, disability or inability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform and exercise the duties of the President.

Treasurer The Treasurer will also have the responsibility of keeping full and accurate record of the Association funds. He or she will render an account of all financial transactions at each board meeting and will be required to give annual report to the membership.

Directors - Directors assist the officers with administration of rules and regulations. They may also chair committees and assist with administrative duties.

Chapter Five-Amendments

Section 1. The By-laws may be repealed, modified or amended by a two thirds (2/3) vote of all voting members present and new By-laws may be adopted by the same vote at any regular meeting of the members of this association.

Section 2. The By-laws may also be changed or amended by giving notice to the members of the association by mail of the proposed changes which the Board of Directors has passed upon, which changes shall be effective thirty (30) days after they have been published, unless, prior to that time, the OQHAD Board of Directors has received objections in writing signed by at least fifteen (15) members in good standing of this association as to all or any portion of said changes. Said objections shall be in the form provided in the notice.

Awards

These awards will be funded by OQHA. The Year end high points will be governed by the rules of OQHA as follows.

1. A horse/rider combination must receive at least twelve (12) points (OQHA and AQHA points combined) and show in at least 60% (16 judges) of OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon to be eligible for a year end class award.
2. These awards are for a one (1) horse and rider combination. Age determined as of December 31st of the show year.
3. Amateur must be a member of the OQHA and the OQHAD to qualify for year end awards.

High-Point and Reserve Amateur Awards: The winning amateur 49& under would be the horse/rider combination with the most points in a minimum of three (3) AQHA All-Around categories (OQHA Points plus AQHA Points). The horse must have a minimum of ten (10) points in a minimum of three (3) AQHA All-Around categories. Categories are listed in the AQHA Handbook. A horse must compete in at least 60% (16 judges) of the OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon in 2 categories. These awards funded by OQHA.

High-Point and Reserve Select Amateur Awards: The winning amateur 50 & Over would be the horse/rider combination with the most points in a minimum of three (3) AQHA All-Around categories (OQHA Points plus AQHA Points). The horse must have a minimum of ten (10) points in a minimum of three (3) AQHA All-Around categories. Categories are listed in the AQHA Handbook. A horse must compete in at least 60% (16 judges) of the OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon in 2 categories. These awards funded by OQHA.

High-Point and Reserve Novice Amateur Award: The Novice Amateur with the highest total number of points in all OQHA approved novice amateur classes receives an award from OQHA. These Awards are based on a one horse/one rider combination. A horse must compete in at least 60% (16 judges) of the OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon. These awards funded OQHA.

OQHAD TOP FIVE AWARDS

The OQHAD will give awards to the five exhibitors in each division (Novice Amateur, Amateur and Select Amateur) that have the highest number of points (OQHA and AQHA) combined. These awards are funded by OQHAD.

1. The OQHAD member must show in at least 60% (16 judges) of OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon to be eligible for a year end Top Five Award.
2. These awards are for a one (1) horse and one (1) rider combination. Age determined as December 31st of the show year.
3. Amateur must be a member of **OQHA and OQHAD** by **April 1st** of the current year to qualify for year-end awards. Points earned before individual joins will not count towards year-end special awards.
4. The amateur must complete four (4) hours of volunteer assistance to the Division during the current award year. (Volunteer hours completed before Summer Classic accrue for the entire show year.)

Sportsmanship Award- Each year the member that exhibits the highest degree of sportsmanship (as voted on by the board) will receive an award from OQHAD.

OQHAD Award Eligibility for Summer Classic Awards

1. The individual must be a member of both OQHA and the Amateur Division by April 1st of the current year.
2. The Summer Classic amateur and horse combination must have attended and shown to a minimum of six (6) judges of OQHA approved shows within the State of Oregon and before the start of the current year Summer Classic.
3. The amateur must complete two (2) hours of voluntary assistance to the OQHAD before the start of the current year Summer Classic.

Rules and Regulations

1. Membership- Members shall be admitted to the Association upon receipt of membership application and association dues (\$15.00) unless rejected by the parent board (OQHA) within 30 days after receipt.
2. A member in good standing is defined as an active member who is current in all payments or fees and who abides by all the rules and regulations of OQHA, OQHAD and AQHA.
3. A member shall not be considered in good standing as long as delinquent dues remain unpaid.
4. Membership must be paid by April 1st each year to be eligible for Oregon Amt. Division awards.
5. Points for Year-End Awards will begin accumulation only after dues are paid. NO Exceptions.
6. All members while in good standing shall have the right to vote in person or by proxy in all association matters. All members while in good standing shall have the right to hold office and committee assignments.
7. One membership shall be entitled to one (1) vote and to hold one (1) elected office.
8. The President shall appoint a nominating committee to prepare a slate of candidates for each office and Directorship. This slate will be announced at the annual OQHA Convention. Additional candidates from the floor will be accepted at this time.
9. Immediately following the Annual OQHA General Meeting, the OQHA secretary shall send each member in good standing a ballot of candidates for each office or directorship. The member shall vote this ballot and return it to be counted by the OQHA accounting firm. In the event of a tie the winner will be determined by the Board of Directors only after a re-counting of the ballots.
10. In the event of rule or regulations changes the membership will be informed by mail 30 days prior to enforcement.