

OHIO
QUARTER
PONY
ASSOCIATION



RULES
AND
REGULATIONS

REVISED 2009

On behalf of the Officers and Directors of the OQPA, welcome to the Ohio Quarter Pony Association, Inc.

As a family oriented organization, we stress competitiveness, sportsmanship, friendliness, and a program which enables all members of the family to participate.

We have devised a way to enable more quarter-type ponies to show in our approved shows without having to be registered in any association or have the quarter pony's parentage known.

We have also devised a way to enable our Open Class exhibitors to share in our association and year end Awards.

It is our sincere hope that you will share with us the enthusiasm of creating a more family-type surrounding.

OFFICERS

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- 11. HI POINT OVERALL PONY
- 12. RES. HI POINT OVERALL PONY

F. The above awards are awarded to the pony and / or individual who earns the most amount of points in each specific category.
G. Awards #11 & #12 are awarded to the pony who earns the most points in the show season.
G. Exhibitors and owners must be OQPA members to earn Year End Awards.

8. OPEN YEAR END AWARDS:

A. OQPA presents awards to the first six highest placings in each Open class held at OQPA shows.
B. To be eligible for year end awards, an exhibitor must exhibit in one half (1/2) of the shows. Further more, for each class an individual wants to earn points in, they must exhibit in them at those same one half of the shows.
D. OQPA Open points DO NOT roll over year to year.
E. Exhibitors must be OQPA members to earn Year End Awards.

9 POINTS

A. OQPA awards points in the following manner for both OQPA and Open classes:

Placing / Points awarded:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
6 pts	5 pts	4 pts	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt

1. These points are awarded as stated above regardless of the number of entries in a class.

B. OQPA and Open points DO NOT roll over year to year.

iii. Western Pleasure

4. Freestyle Reining

a \$5 class fee

H. A pony may be nominated / reinstated in the futurity competition, including the maturity division, if the owner has missed one or more payments, but a penalty fee of \$20.00 will be assessed. Late penalty payments are added to the

appropriate divisions. The OQPA cannot be held responsible for entries which are not received in the office by their respective deadlines.

I. This program is administered by OQPA. All rules, regulations and Bylaws of the OQPA shall apply to the program. In addition to the eligibility requirements in paragraph A, ponies must meet maximum height requirements. The OQPA reserves the right to alter any fact of this program, provided all current OQPA members receive notification at least 30 days prior to deadline for first payment, per NQPA General Rule #4.

5. FEES

Individual	\$15
Youth	\$10
Family	\$25

7. OQPA YEAR END AWARDS

A. OQPA presents awards to the first six highest placings in each OQPA class held at OQPA shows, with the exception of Royalty Classes.

B. To be eligible for year end awards, an exhibitor must exhibit in one half (1/2) of the shows. Further more, for each class an individual wants to earn points in, they must exhibit in them at those same one half of the shows.

C. OQPA points DO NOT roll over year to year.

D. Besides top six placings in each class, OQPA also awards the following awards:

1. HI POINT ENGLISH PONY
2. RESERVE HI POINT ENGLISH PONY
3. HI POINT WESTERN PONY
4. RESERVE HI POINT WESTERN PONY
5. HI POINT ADULT EXHIBITOR
6. RES. HI POINT ADULT EXHIBITOR
7. HI POINT YOUTH
8. RES. HI POINT YOUTH
9. HI POINT CONTEST PONY
10. RES. HI POINT CONTEST PONY

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1. GENERAL RULES

A. Any pony that is registered with the NQPA is eligible.

B. Owners and exhibitors both must be members of the OQPA to receive year-end awards.

1. Both OQPA exhibitors and Open exhibitors

C. Ohio points will count ONLY AFTER becoming an OQPA member

D. You must attend and show at least half (1.2) of the Ohio shows to be eligible for Year-End Awards.

E. Points for year-end awards will follow the rider and / or pony regardless of the age requirements of a class.

F. The age of the exhibitor will be determined as of January 1st of the show year.

G. Any pony deemed unsafe by the Officers and Directors will be excused.

H. At all approved OQPA shows, the Officers and Directors have final say in determining any interpretive issues concerning the OQPA rules.

I. All classes offered will be ran according to NQPA rules, please see the NQPA Rule Book for any rule clarifications.

1. Generation Horsemanship & Royalty Guidelines are not listed in the aforementioned rule book, please see this rule book for clarifications.

J. All OQPA shows are NQPA approved and NQPA points are awarded per NQPA rules.

K. Family memberships and Youth memberships are given a Corral subscription.

2. GENERATION HORSEMANSHIP

- A. No individual horsemanship points are earned for either OQPA year end awards nor any NQPA lifetime or year end awards..
- B. The two exhibitors participating in this class must be at least 13 years apart in age.
- C. The older of the two exhibitors ride the pony first, followed by the younger rider. When the judge calls for the reverse is when the switching of the riders takes places.
- D. The placings of the two riders are averaged together by the judge to determine placing in the class.
- E. The judge may ask for individual tests.

3. OQPA ROYALTY CONTEST

- A. Candidates must be a member of the Ohio Quarter Pony Association.
- B. The King and Queen Candidates must be at least 14 years of age but not more than 21 years of age.
- C. The Prince and Princess Candidates must be at least nine years of age and no older than 14 years of age.
- D. The Royalty Classes will be done by secret ballot,
- E. All Candidates must have good sportsmanship at all times and represent the Ohio Quarter Pony Association to the best of their ability.
- F. Duties of the Ohio Quarter Pony Royalty are:
 - 1. The Royalty will assist hand out awards at all shows, including the Futurity Show when not in the ring themselves.
 - 2. Royalty will help pass out awards at the annual Awards Banquet.
- G. Once becoming a King or Queen, he/she is unable to participate in the program for their year of reign.
- H. Once becoming a Prince or Princess, he/she is unable to participate in the program for their year of reign.
- I. The Royalty must at all times have the interest of representing the Association. If at any time they feel they cannot do so, they will be asked to relinquish their crown and banner to the first runner up, to represent the Association at the shows.
- J. All Royalty Candidates are required to compete in the Royalty Classes at one half (1/2) of the shows—however, the more shows they participate in the more

potential points could be earned.

K. All Candidates may be subject to a written test over either the NQPA Rule Book, the OQPA Rule Book, or a combination of both.

4. OQPA FUTURITY

A. ELIGIBILITY

- 1. Eligibility to OQPA Futurity Classes follow the guidelines set forth in the NQPA Rule Book.

B. Entry fees are jackpotted and paid back to the winners in their classes according to the divisions listed below.

10% of the new purse will be used to defray expenses. Money is paid and ribbons are given to the top ten placings; however, all unearned place money, if less than ten ponies are shown, shall be prorated back to the places shown and earned.

C. The purses will be divided among 10 places in the following manner: 20%, 18%, 16%, 12%, 10%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 3%, 2%, for the futurity divisions.

G. Entry fees for the OQPA Halter and Performance Futurity less 10% administrative fee are deposited upon receipt into a separate account and are not combined with other funds of the OQPA. This account is not subject to any use other than the payment of awards in accordance with pay off rules for the events for which the fees were tendered by exhibitors. The following is the payment schedule. No fees for any Futurity / Maturity class(es) are due prior to the first show of the association each year.

- 1. Weanling fees
Payable by August 1
 - a. Class fee \$25
 - i. Halter
- 2. Yearling fees
Payable by August 1
 - . \$25 per class
 - i. Halter
 - lii Longe Line
- 3. Futurity fees
a. \$25 per class
Payable by August 1
 - i. Halter
 - ii. Hunter Under Saddle
 - iii. Western Pleasure
- 4. Maturity fees
a. \$25 per class
Payable by August 1
 - i. Halter
 - ii. Hunter Under Saddle