

**2023 MQHYA Letter of Intent – NYATT TEAM**

**Deadline – Completed packet postmarked and mailed to MQHA on or before May 1**

This letter will serve as notice to the MQHYA, of the intent of the undersigned to participate in the National Youth Association Team Tournament (NYATT) representing the Michigan Quarter Horse Association or the Michigan Snaffle Bit Association. This letter will only apply to one American Quarter Horse. The Youth that is referred to in this letter agrees to and understands the following:

1. The Youth must be a member in good standing of MQHA and AQHA.
2. The Youth will participate in a minimum two (2) MQHYA Board Meetings within the qualifying period.
3. MQHA will cover the cost of AQHA and NSBA entries. The Youth will pay all additional fees assessed to MQHA by OQHA. A Youth exhibiting more than one horse must complete a Letter of Intent for each horse. The team fee applies per horse.
4. **The items listed below must be MAILED together to be considered for a spot on the NYATT team.**
  - a. **The completed Letter of Intent.**
  - b. **A \$100 check made payable to MQHA (refundable if not selected for a MQHA supported team).**
5. **Additionally:**
  - a. **The Youth (not a substitute) must participate in a minimum of two (2) MQHYA fundraisers by the Harbor Classic.** There may be fundraisers to offset the cost of these trips. Monthly MQHYA meetings may include information on possible fundraisers.
  - b. **The Youth (not a substitute) must provide volunteer hours. There must be at least five (5) hours volunteered to MQHA. Volunteer hours are per exhibitor, not per horse entered. If the MQHA service hours are not completed by the conclusion of the MQHA Harbor Classic, MQHA will require a payment of \$100 per hour for each hour missing. This money will go directly to offset team costs.**
6. The Youth will be chosen based on their point standings from July 15 through the Harbor Classic from all age youth or 14-18 youth classes and 13 & under classes. The best ten (10) judges' scores will be used to tabulate the qualifying points. Any out of state youth must show at four of the MQHA approved circuits offered during the qualifying period and have an approved AQHA Change of Affiliate form on file with MQHA, to be considered for a position on the team. Two (2) youth will be chosen for each class offered.
7. To be fair to all Youth involved, if a Youth accepts a position on a team and does not show in their class without prior written approval of the team Advisor, they will not be eligible for participation on that team the following year.
8. If a class is not filled in the above manner, the position will be offered first to any MQHYA Board member in good standing with their MQHYA Board obligations fulfilled and who has shown at four (4) MQHA approved circuits in the desired class, within the past fifteen (15) months. Any remaining slots will then be offered to the general MQHYA membership.
9. If a Youth is asked to fill any open position for NYATT, they are required to provide items #3 and #4a, and 4b above.
10. The Youth Advisor and the Selection Committee may waive any of the requirements above for any special conditions that may arise from a Youth participant, provided that the exception is approved by both the MQHYA and MQHA Board of Directors. The death or disability of a horse may be considered an exception.

***By initialing, we understand that the items listed must be turned in by the deadlines. Any item missing constitutes an incomplete application and ineligibility to participate on the NYATT Team .*** \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Initials

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ AQHA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor NSBA #: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Jacket Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Horse \_\_\_\_\_ Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner NSBA # \_\_\_\_\_

Owner of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select any classes you wish to be considered for (circle all that apply):**      reining                  barrels                  ranch riding  
showmanship                  horsemanship                  western pleasure                  hunter under saddle                  equitation

***I agree to comply with all rules and decisions set forth by the MQHA board, MQHYA board, and the MQHYA Selection Committee.***

**Signature of Youth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_