

2010 AQHA YOUTH WORLD CUP TEAM CANADA QUALIFYING CRITERIA – OVERVIEW

1. All applicants must be members in good standing of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association, **and** the Canadian Quarter Horse Association, **and** a youth member of their Provincial Quarter Horse Youth Association, (or in the cases of Ontario and British Columbia, a youth member in their Quarter Horse zone), **or** a youth member of a Canadian/ Provincial/Regional Reining or Cutting Association), where they reside.

If you are a current AQHA or AQHYA member-in-good-standing, you are eligible to be a CQHA member for **no extra membership fee** in 2009. However, you must identify yourself to CQHA. You may do so by logging on to the CQHA web site at www.cqha.ca to submit your membership application on-line, or by contacting the CQHA President, Marnie Somers at (204) 834-2479 to request the membership form be sent to you by mail or fax. Non-AQHA or non-AQHYA members may join CQHA for a minimal annual fee; information may also be obtained on the web site or from the CQHA President.

All applicants must be Canadian citizens, Canadian residents, and must meet the age requirements as set forth in the AQHA Handbook of Rules & Regulations.

2. All Applications must be completed and submitted no later than **October 31, 2009**. (Postmark)

3. Applicants must submit their achievements (AQHA points earned) from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008 for the following classes:

GROUP A: Category 1 Western Horsemanship
Category II Western Pleasure, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Under Saddle, and Showmanship
Category III Western Riding

GROUP B: Category 1V Reining, Trail, and Cutting

Note: Confirmation of AQHA points earned in 2009 up to October 31st, may be also be forwarded for Team Canada selection consideration, by November 30th, 2009, but only as addendums to applications which were previously submitted by October 31st, 2009.

4. For Groups A and B, points submitted must be accompanied by an AQHA printout or confirmed by the show secretary if the shows were too recent to be entered in the AQHA computers.

5. Year end achievements from Provincial Quarter Horse Associations & Open shows will be considered for team selection and must be confirmed by each association.

6. For Group B, points earned by either the Canadian, Provincial or American Reining and Cutting Associations will count as selection criteria.

7. A. Credit will be given to the rider with the greatest point accumulation on as MANY horses as he or she may have shown during the qualifying period.

B. List previous achievements on any other horses before 2007.

8. Consideration will be given to the rider who:

- 1- Is competitive in many categories.
- 2- Has beaten the greatest number of horses in youth competition.
- 3- Has experience in the youth shows at high caliber horse show(s).

The Team Coach and Manager will conduct telephone interviews of their shortlist of candidates and/or their coaches/trainers/references to aid their selection process.

It will be taken into consideration to try to have youth from as many different Provinces/Regions in Canada as possible to represent the Canadian Team.

9. Team selection and participation shall be under the direction and authority of the **Team Canada 2010 Youth World Cup Committee** made up of AQHA/CQHA Directors, and the 2010 Canadian World Cup Team Coach and Team Manager. Decisions of this committee will be final. The committee will select up to five (5) youth members to compete, and **may** select up to five (5) non-competing youth members.

10. A- Applicants must include three (3) letters of recommendation/reference with their application, one from either their Provincial Youth advisor **or** AQHA/CQHA director; one from their riding coach/trainer; and one personal reference who can verify their school/community involvement.

B- Applicants must specify if they are applying as a competing team member, or as a non-competing team member, or for both. (Competing youth and non-competing youth are considered equally as team members for all activities. The non-competing youth do not ride the horses, but they are very valuable assets for the team.)

C- Applicants must send a short video of themselves showing and/or schooling a variety of horses, which may or may not be owned by the applicant. This video should include clips taken at actual horse shows, and should include an interview of the applicant (e.g. comments pertaining to item D below).

D- Applicants must also include a letter explaining why they would like to be part of the team and why they should be chosen.