**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** **Contact: Marnie Somers, CQHA President**

# Re: CQHA seeks Team Canada Coach and Manager for 2010 AQHA Youth World Cup

**(Carberry, MB – July 17, 2009) ---** The Canadian Quarter Horse Association is pleased to announce that the next American Quarter Horse Association Youth World Cup will be held in the U.S.A. (location and dates yet to be confirmed by AQHA). This event, first held in Australia in 1986 as the International Youth Quarter Horse World Cup, has become one of the most prestigious equine competitions recognized world wide.

The 2010 AQHA Youth World Cup will feature teams of five riders from up to 18 different countries. The host country provides a pool of horses for the competition. And, in the tradition of every Youth World Cup event since 1986, the CQHA will co-ordinate and field a youth team of up to five riders, plus alternates, to represent our country as ***Team Canada***.

The CQHA is now actively seeking applications for the two ***volunteer*** positions of Team Canada Coach and Team Canada Manager for the 2010 Youth World Cup, both of whom must be Canadian citizens. The Team Coach's position will be of interest to experienced professional horse trainers/youth exhibitor coaches. Riders will compete in the nine disciplines of Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Showmanship at Halter, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Trail, Western Riding, Reining and Cutting. The Team Manager's support position will be of interest to experienced sport administrators.

A list of each position's duties and responsibilities is posted on the CQHA web site at: www.cqha.ca (Youth World Cup section). Letters of application outlining relevant qualifications must be ***postmarked by August 31, 2009*** and forwarded to the CQHA President (address at end of this press release). Preference will be given to coach/manager applicant pairs who can demonstrate they have a prior working relationship, as they will be in constant contact during the six months leading up to the 2010 event.

The CQHA Board of Directors will be actively seeking qualified youth participants from all across Canada. Applicants must be Canadian residents and current members-in-good-standing of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association (AQHYA), the Canadian Quarter Horse Association (CQHA), and the provincial/regional Quarter Horse affiliate where they reside. Youth who are interested in applying as potential candidates (as riders

and/or non-competing members) for the ***2010 Youth World Cup Team Canada*** should visit the CQHA web site www.cqha.ca (Youth World Cup section) to obtain the team selection criteria and application forms. Team Canada youth members will be selected on or before December 31, 2009. Funding for travel and other expenses for ***Team Canada*** is cost-shared by AQHA/CQHA, provincial/regional Quarter Horse Associations, corporate and/or individual sponsors, and team members' families.

For more information about the Canadian Quarter Horse Association, we invite you to visit our web site www.cqha.ca. Remember, if you are a current AQHA or AQHYA member-in-good-standing, you are eligible to be a member of CQHA and Equine Canada for **no extra membership fee**. However, you must identify yourself to CQHA. You may do so by visiting the CQHA web site to submit your membership information on-line, or by contacting the CQHA President directly to request the membership form be sent to you by regular mail or fax at:

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