

# AHYA RYTT Rules

## YTH 107. REGIONAL YOUTH TEAM TOURNAMENT

This program offers youth of each Region the opportunity to compete in shows and rides, develop a feeling of camaraderie, and sportsmanship. Team points are accumulated throughout the year with awards being presented to the Overall Champion, Reserve Champion and remaining top eight to round out the top ten in each division. (BOD 8/19) Contact the AHA office for program entry forms, Rules and Regulations, and any further information.

1. Entry fee \$20 (US Funds) per team, per section (AHA Recognized or non-AHA Recognized). (BOD 8/19)
2. AHA Recognized Section.
  - a. Points can be accumulated at all USEF recognized/rated classes and Local Competition Member Shows or EC Recognized Show. (BOD 8/19)
  - b. Points can be accumulated at all AHA Recognized Competitive and Endurance rides.
  - c. Only one Regional Show may be counted. (BOD 8/19) No National Shows will be counted. (BOD 8/01)
3. Non-AHA Recognized Section.
  - a. Points can be accumulated at any non-AHA Recognized Show (4-H, schooling, fun shows etc.). (BOD 8/19)
  - b. Points can be accumulated at all non-AHA Recognized Competitive and Endurance rides. (BOD 8/19)

## YTH 108. ELIGIBILITY

1. Each contestant must be a current AHA youth member in good standing. (BOD 8/19)
2. Each group is invited to enter as many teams as possible by April 1 of the current year. (BOD 8/02) (BOD 8/19)
3. Each team is made up of the following:
  - a. Coach. To give assistance to the team and to supply all information needed to the team tournament secretary. It is the coach's responsibility to pre-register the team and assure show results are sent. (Refer to YTH109.)
  - b. Not more than five AHA youth members. (BOD 8/19) Each youth member may hold only one space per team. (BOD 8/04) Note: A team may consist of fewer than five members.

## YTH 109. REGIONAL YOUTH TEAM TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Each horse entered must be a registered Arabian, Half-Arabian, or Anglo-Arabian and registration number must accompany team entry.
2. Ownership of horse is not required. Entrants in the equitation/showmanship division need not declare an individual horse. In the event of injury to a horse preventing further competition in the tournament, a substitute may be made if approved by the Regional Youth Team Tournament Secretary and Coach.
3. If a rider becomes ill and is unable to compete in the tournament a substitute can be made if approved by the Tournament Secretary.
4. It is not mandatory that each team compete in each event or that the entire team be present at a show to count points towards the Youth Team Tournament.
5. All teams must be registered with AHA on or before April 1 of the calendar show year and their entry fees paid in full. (BOD 8/19)
6. No shows held prior to the registration of the teams will be considered. All points will be tabulated up to November 30 of the tournament year. (BOD 8/03)
7. All Regional Youth Team Tournament Result forms must meet the deadline of December 15. Any points received after December 15 will not be recorded.

8. The team must designate which contestants will be competing in what divisions at time of registration. Each contestant may count points from only two divisions.
9. The following divisions are eligible for the Regional Youth Team Tournament points:
  - a. Breeding/Sport Horse In-Hand. (BOD 8/03)
  - b. Showmanship.
  - c. Western/Saddle/Hunter/Reining/Dressage Seat Equitation (specify one)
  - d. Driving
  - e. Reining
  - f. Working Western (event using cattle – specify one)
  - g. Walk-Trot/Jog Equitation.
  - h. Walk-Trot/Jog Pleasure.
  - i. Western Horsemanship.
  - j. Western Pleasure.
  - k. English Pleasure.
  - l. Country Pleasure.
  - m. Hunter Pleasure.
  - n. Mounted Native Costume.
  - o. Sidesaddle (BOD 8/03)
  - p. Trail or Western Riding or Ranch Riding.
  - q. Show Hack (English or road).
  - r. Dressage/Western Dressage.
  - s. Sport Horse Under Saddle (BOD 8/03)
  - t. Gymkhana Events (Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, etc. - specify one)
  - u. Jumper (including Working Hunter, Hunter Hack or Hunter Under Saddle).
  - v. Competitive Trail or Endurance.
  - w. Park
10. All five team contestants on the same team may compete in the same class and count points toward the Youth Team Tournament. (BOD 8/19)
11. Each team contestant may compete in unlimited classes per show; however, only the two best classes in the declared division will count for points in the Regional Youth Team Tournament.
12. It is the responsibility of the team coach to send the team's results into the Tournament Secretary within 45 days of the show. (BOD 8/19)
13. The Champion, Reserve Champion, and top eight teams will be selected on the basis of points accumulated in shows attended by the team in that tournament year. (BOD 8/19) The highest scoring four shows will be totaled by the Tournament Secretary and used to determine the winner. (Send the results from all shows attended by your team in that calendar year and the highest scoring four will be selected at the end of the tournament)

## YTH 110. POINT SYSTEM USED FOR THE REGIONAL YOUTH TEAM TOURNAMENT

1. Points will be awarded on the following basis: (BOD 8/19)
  - a. 6 points: 1st place.
  - b. 5 points: 2nd place.
  - c. 4 points: 3rd place.
  - d. 3 points: 4th place.
  - e. 2 points: 5th place
  - f. 1 point: 6th place
2. Regional Champions from Regional Championship classes recognized by the AHA Board of Directors shall receive the following points:
  - a. 12 points: Champion.
  - b. 10 points: Reserve Champion.
  - c. 8 points: Top Five.
3. Competitive Trail and Endurance Trail Divisions earn 1 point for every 5 miles completed.
4. Competitive Trail and Endurance Trail Divisions points will be awarded on the following basis:

- a. 25 mile ride
    - 1st = 2 points.
    - 2nd = 1.5 points.
    - 3rd = 1 point.
    - 4th = 5 point.
  - b. 50 mile ride
    - 1st = 4 points.
    - 2nd = 3 points.
    - 3rd = 2 points.
    - 4th = 1 point.
  - c. 75 mile ride
    - 1st = 6 points.
    - 2nd = 4.5 points.
    - 3rd = 3 points.
    - 4th = 1.5 points.
  - d. 100 mile ride
    - 1st = 8 points.
    - 2nd = 6 points.
    - 3rd = 4 points.
    - 4th = 2 points.
3. Nomination Deadline. Nominations must be submitted to the AHA office, postmarked/electronic transaction dated on or before **September 1** of the nomination year. (BOD 8/04)
  4. Awards. Recipients of the Youth of the Year Award may be featured on the cover of an issue of *Arabian Horse Life* the following year of their nominations. In addition, winners will receive recognition at the annual Youth National Championship Show and be presented with a perpetual trophy at the AHA Annual Convention. (BOD 8/04)
  5. All information will be subject to publication by *Arabian Horse Life* and all applications and supporting materials will become the property of AHA and cannot be returned.
  6. Official nomination forms are available from AHA.

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#### YTH 111. SUBMITTING RESULTS OF THE REGIONAL YOUTH TEAM TOURNAMENT

1. A Youth Team Tournament Tally Sheet is to be used for results from each show. This will aid in point calculation and reduce mistakes. The Youth Team Tournament Coach will return the tally sheets to the Regional Youth Team Tournament Secretary. The Regional Youth Team Tournament Secretary will then forward tabulated copies of each tally sheet to the AHA Youth Department after each show for verification of the team's participation.
2. Regional Youth Team Tournament Secretaries must submit the Regional Youth Team Tournament Winners' Report Form for their Regional tournaments to AHA postmarked/electronic transaction dated by **December 15th**. Team rankings and number of total points, plus the names, addresses, and membership numbers of team members must be included.
3. Awards for Overall Champion, Reserve Champion, and remainder of the Top Ten youth teams in the Recognized and Non-Recognized divisions will be provided by AHA. (BOD 8/19)

#### YTH 112. YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD

To further promote and recognize the AHA youth programs, one (1) outstanding youth, per calendar year, will be selected for his/her achievements and contributions to the Arabian Horse industry, AHA and his/her community.

1. Nominees. All nominees must be current AHA Youth Members in the nomination year.
2. Nomination procedures. The following guidelines have been established for Youth of the Year nominations:
  - a. Anyone may nominate an AHA Youth Member for the Youth of the Year Award. Regional Director and/or Director-At-Large for that Region must approve any Youth of the Year nominees. Regions may put forth unlimited nominees. (BOD 8/04)
  - b. A person may be nominated more than once, but may be selected for the award only once.
  - c. Nominations will be submitted to, and a winner will be selected by, the AHA Youth of the Year Award Committee, a Sub-Committee, consisting of five members from the Youth Activities Committee, who will serve for a term of two years.
  - d. All nomination applications must be accompanied by a current 3" x 5" photo of the nominee, which includes only the head and shoulders.
  - e. Only activities which occur in the nomination year will be considered for the award.