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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
FLORIDA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE I
NAME OF ASSOCIATION**

The name of this Association shall be:
FLORIDA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSE OF ASSOCIATION**

The purpose for which the association if formed is that is shall be a non-profit organization of persons, firms, and corporations, engaged in the co-operative activity of breeding pure-bred quarter horses, bettering existing types and strains of such horses, promoting the breeding of such horses, procuring desirable publicity for same, holding or fostering shows and sales featuring quarter horses and, in general, promoting cooperation among breeders of quarter horses.

**ARTICLE III
PRINCIPLE PLACE OF BUSINESS OF ASSOCIATION**

The principal office of the Association will be located within the State of Florida

**ARTICLE IV
TERM OF EXISTANCE OF ASSOCIATION**

The term for which the Association shall exist shall be one hundred (100) years from the date of incorporation.

**ARTICLE V
OFFICERS**

The affairs of the corporation are to be managed by officers, elected or appointed, and at such times as established in the by-laws of the Association.

**ARTICLE VI
BY-LAWS**

The method and manner in which the by-laws of the Association are to be made, altered, or rescinded shall be established in the by-laws of the Association.

**ARTICLE VII
NO CAPITAL STOCK
MEMBER'S PROPERTY RIGHTS**

The Association shall be organized without capital stock and the property rights and interest of each member shall be equal, with those of every other member. Upon resignation, withdrawal, or removal of residence from the State of Florida, or loss of membership, through non-payment of dues or otherwise, member shall cease to

have any interest whatsoever in the property of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Association shall consist of four (4) classes, they are:

1. Regular
2. Associate
3. Life
4. Honorary

Regular Members shall consist of those persons, firms, or corporations engaged in production, training and handling of registered purebred quarter horses. Florida must be the permanent state of residence of a regular member in good standing. Regular member farms, firms or corporations must designate the individual who will represent that farm, firm or corporation in all business affairs of this Association.

Associate Members shall consist of all persons, firms or corporations interested in quarter horses.

Life Members shall consist of those regular or associate members who pay the appropriate dues as hereinafter set forth.

The Board of Directors shall select honorary Members for Life.

Candidates for membership in Class one (1), Two (2), and Three (3) shall be admitted to membership in this Association at the recommendation of the membership committee and a majority vote of the Directors present at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors and upon payment of fees and dues hereinafter provided. If approved, membership in the Association shall begin as of the date of application and payment of required dues.

Regular members shall be entitled to formal notice of meetings and shall be entitled to vote on all matters concerning the Association, as set forth in the by-laws and not directly governed by the Board of Directors.

Associate and honorary members shall be entitled to participate in all non-business affairs of the Association.

Life members engaged in production, training and handling of purebred quarter horses maintained in Florida shall have the same rights and privileges of

regular members; those life members not so engaged shall have the rights of associate members.

The immediate family of Regular and Life members shall be entitled to participate in all non-business affairs of the Association upon payment of additional dues of five (\$5.00) Dollars annually per family.

Section 2. Annual dues are due and payable on January 1st of each year. At or before admission to membership

in the Association each regular and associate member shall pay the current year's membership dues in the sum as set forth in the By-laws in advance.

Section 3. All memberships (excepting Life) will expire on December 31st of each year.

Section 4. A qualified member is a member in good standing who is entitled to vote in the business affairs of the Association and one who is not in arrears in his dues.

Only those members who are qualified members on September 1st, and those designees of record on September 1st of qualified Farms, Firms or Corporations,

shall be eligible to vote in the annual election, held in November of that year.

Section 5. Termination of Membership. The Board of Directors at any duly called meeting may by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members of the Board, suspend or expel any member for cause after an appropriate hearing; provided that any member sought to be expelled shall have 14 days' notice of said hearing and shall have the right to appear and be heard at the time of said meeting.

**BY-LAWS OF
THE FLORIDA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE I
ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETING**

Section 1. Annual Meetings. Annual Meeting of this Association may be held as called by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall mail written notice of the time and place of all annual meetings twenty (20) days before the date thereof to the members whose addresses are shown on the books of the Association.

Section 2. Quorum. At all meetings of members of the Association except where it is otherwise provided by law, a quorum for the purpose of transacting Association business shall constitute a minimum ten percent (10%) of all Florida Resident voting members.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special Meetings of the members of the Association other than those regulated by Statute may be called at anytime by the President or Vice-President or a majority of the Board of Directors or ten (10%) of the members of the Association may file a Petition stating the specific business to be brought before the Association and demand a special meeting at any time.

Such meeting must thereupon be called by the Directors. Notice of all special meetings, setting forth the time, date and place of and a statement of the purpose thereof, shall be mailed twenty (20) days before the date thereof to the members whose addresses are shown on the books of the Association. No business other than that specified shall be transacted at any special meeting of the members of the Association.

Section 4. Voting. At all meetings of the members of the Association, all questions, the manner of deciding which, not specifically regulated by Statute, shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present in person; provided, however, that quorum of duly qualified members are present in person at such meeting.

Section 5. Order of Business. The order of business of all meetings of the stockholders shall be as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Proof of Notice of meeting or waiver of Notice
3. Reading of minutes of previous meeting
4. Treasurer's report
5. Reports of Officers
6. Reports of Committees

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

All meetings of the Association, members and Directors shall be conducted pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised, except where specifically regulated by Statute.

ARTICLE II DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number. The affairs and business of this Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of twelve (12) duly elected members of the Association and the (non-voting) immediate past President of the Association. In each year there shall be elected four (4) members to the Board of Directors.

At each annual election, the four persons duly nominated in accordance with the rules of the Association, receiving a plurality of the votes, shall become Directors of the Association.

Section 1.a Nominations. To be nominated for Director of the Florida Quarter Horse Association, the nominee must have been a regular or life member of the Florida Quarter Horse Association for the immediately preceding two years (24 full months)

Section 2. Term of Office. The term of office of each of the four (4) Directors elected annually shall be three (3) years, commencing on January 1st and thereafter until his successor has been elected and qualified.

Section 3. Duties of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the control and general management of the affairs and business of the Corporation. Such Directors shall in all cases act as a Board, regularly convened, by a majority and they may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of their meetings and the management of the Corporation as they may deem proper, not inconsistent with these By-Laws and the laws of the State of Florida. Annual dues shall be as determined by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present.

Section 4. Directors Meetings.

- (a) Regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held on a minimum of a quarterly basis during each calendar year or more often if necessary. The first of which shall be held in January. The President or three (3) Directors

upon written request may call special meetings of the Board of Directors. Regular or special Director's meetings must be attended in person and may be held at any convenient place in the State of Florida.

- (b) The newly elected Board of Directors will hold an organizational meeting not later than January 31st following their election for the following purpose:
1. To elect a President.
 2. To elect a 1st Vice President.
 3. To elect a 2nd Vice President.
 4. To approve a Secretary and/or Treasurer.
 5. To appoint all Standing Committees.
 6. To review plans for the coming year.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings. Notice of Board of Directors meetings other than the regular annual meeting, shall be given by personal service upon each director and committee chairman in person, by electronic mail, or upon request of the Board of Directors, by mailing to him by certified mail at the address shown on the books of the Association, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of such meeting, including the day of mailing, of a written or printed notice thereof specifying the time and place of such meeting and the business to be brought before the meeting and no business other than that specified in such notice shall be transacted at any special meeting. At any meeting at which every member of the Board of Directors shall be present although held without notice, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted if the meeting had been duly called.

Section 6. Quorum. At any meeting of the Board of Directors after January 1, 1996, the presence of seven (7) Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but, in the event of a quorum not being present, a less number may adjourn the meeting to some future time, not more than fifteen (15) days later. Whenever vacancies shall occur on the Board of Directors as per Section Ten (10) of this article then the number required for a quorum shall be reduced by one (1) for each two (2) vacancies or fraction thereof.

Section 7. Voting. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, each Director present and attending the meeting shall have one vote except for the non-voting Past President.

Section 8. Vacancies. Whenever any vacancy shall occur in the Board of Directors by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the same shall be filled without undue delay by a majority vote, by ballot, of the remaining members of the Board at a special meeting which shall be called for the purpose. Such election shall be held within sixty (60) days after the occurrence of such vacancy. The person so chosen shall hold office until the next annual election or until his successor shall have been chosen at a special meeting of the members.

Section 9. Removal of Directors. Any one or more of the Officers or Directors may be removed with or without cause by a majority vote of the members at any special meeting called for that purpose or at the annual meeting. Any director who has unexcused absences from two (2) meetings of the Board of Directors duly and regularly called as provided by the By-Laws during their term of office shall automatically be removed from office upon the third unexcused absence.

Section 10. Director Emeritus. There shall be appointed for life or until removed by a majority of the then present Directors, the office known as "Director Emeritus" for any person who is a member of the Florida Quarter Horse Association, who has served with dignity and honor for the benefit of the Florida Quarter Horse Association, who shall have all the privileges appertaining to the office of said regular Directors, but shall not be required to have the obligations of a regular Director. There shall be no limitation on the number of persons appointed to said office but it shall be at the discretion of the regular Directors of the Florida Quarter Horse Association.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

Section 1. Number. The officers of the Association shall be:

1. President
2. 1st Vice-President
3. 2nd Vice-President

Section 2. Election – Appointment. President, 1st Vice-President and 2nd Vice-President shall be officers of the Board and elected from the Board of Directors by the members of the Board of Directors as provided under Article II, Section 4 (b) shall hold office for one (1) year beginning January 1 and ending December 31 or until such time as their successors are duly elected and qualified. The first year (1996) all three officers shall be

elected from the Board of Directors by the Board of Directors. During succeeding years, unless there are special circumstances, only a new 2nd Vice-President shall be elected from within the board.

By majority vote of the Board, the order of succession shall be as follows:

Current 2nd Vice-President shall move to the office of the 1st Vice-President. The 1st Vice-President moves to President and the current President to immediate Past President. Should one or more of the offices become vacant during a term, the order of succession shall be implemented as required. The Board will then elect new individuals to the required offices.

The President with the approval of the Board of Directors following their election shall appoint the Secretary and/or Treasurer. The same person may hold both positions should the Board of Directors so choose. The Secretary and/or Treasurer shall serve a one-year term with no limitation on the number of successive terms

Section 2a. To be elected or appointed to Office of President, 1st Vice President, or 2nd Vice President, duly elected Director must have served on the Florida Quarter Horse Association Board of Directors for a minimum of one (1) full year (12 full months).

Section 3. Term of Office. The President and/or Vice-President may succeed themselves for one additional successive term of office. A President having been elected to two successive one-year terms of office shall not hold either the office of President or Vice-President the next succeeding year.

The Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall be hired under contract for a period of one year with no limitation on the number of successive years of service and shall serve until a successor is hired by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Duties of Officers, President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and members. The President shall present at each annual meeting of the members and Directors a report of the condition of the business of the Association. The President shall cause to be called regular and special meetings of the members and Directors in accordance with these By-Laws. The President shall appoint, supervise, employ, remove and discharge and fix the compensation of the Chairmen of Committees,

servants, agents, employees and clerks of the Association.

The President shall sign and make all contracts and agreements in the name of the Association and see they are properly carried out, subject to the consent, approval and direction of the Board of Directors.

The President shall see that the books, reports, statements, and certificates required by the Statutes are properly kept, made and filed according to law.

1st Vice-President. During the absence and inability of the President to render and perform his duties and exercise his power as set forth in these By-Laws or Statutes under which this Association is organized, the same shall be performed and exercised by the Vice-President; and when so acting, he shall have all the powers and be subject to all the responsibilities hereby given to or imposed upon such President.

2nd Vice-President. Same as 1st Vice-President in the absence of President and 1st Vice-President.

Section 5. Duties of Secretary and/or Treasurer. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Board of Directors and the members' respective meetings in appropriate books.

The Secretary shall give and serve all notices of the Association.

The Secretary shall be custodian of the Records and of the Seal and affix the latter when required.

The Secretary shall present to the Board of Directors at their stated meetings, all communications addressed to him officially by the President or any officer or member of the Association.

The Secretary shall attend to all correspondence and perform all duties incident to the position of Secretary.

The Secretary shall perform all duties pertinent to the annual election in accordance with Article IV of these By-Laws.

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the care and custody and be responsible for all the funds and securities of (a) Florida Quarter Horse Association, (b) Florida Quarter Horse Youth Association, and all other funds, accounts, and securities that may be established

from time to time in such bank or banks, trust company or trust companies, or safe deposit vaults or stock agencies for purpose of establishing funds, as the Board of Directors may designate. The Treasurer shall separately account for each of these two (2) funds named above. He shall sign, make and endorse in the name of the Association all checks, drafts, warrants and orders for the payment of money and pay out and dispose of same and receipt therefore, under the direction of the President or the Board of Directors. He shall make and endorse in the name of the Association, all checks drawn on F.Q.H.Y.A. account upon receipt of a document duly signed by the youth advisor.

The Treasurer shall exhibit at all reasonable times his books and accounts to any Director or member of the Association upon application at the office of the Association during business hours.

The Treasurer shall render a statement of the condition of the finances of the Association at each regular meeting of the Board of Directors, and at such other times as shall be required of him and a full financial report, at the annual meeting of the members.

The Treasurer shall keep at the office of the Association current books of account of all its business and transactions and such other books of account as the Board of Directors may require. He shall submit an annual financial report prepared by certified public accountants selected by the Directors, who may require a certified report if deemed necessary.

The Treasurer shall be bonded in such sum, as the Board of Directors shall require.

The Treasurer shall do and perform all duties appertaining to the position of Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV ELECTIONS

Section 1. The Secretary shall prepare and mail to all qualified voting members on or before the second Monday in October, the slate of all nominees for election to the Board of Directors proposed by the nominating committee.

Nominations for election to the Board, other than by the nominating committee, shall be made by the members. Twenty (20) members duly qualified, may, by subscribing their name to such nomination, designate

their nominee for election; however, providing, said nominations are presented to and received by the Secretary on or before the first Monday in November. All nominations made by members pursuant to these provisions, and in compliance with requirements for nomination to Director, and properly received by the Secretary shall be compiled by the Secretary and mailed to the membership by the second Monday in November. Nominations for election made pursuant to this Article shall first be with the consent of the nominee.

Section 2. The Secretary shall prepare ballots listing all nominees to the Board duly made and any other amendments required to be voted upon. Said ballot shall be distributed by mail to all qualified members entitled to vote by the second Monday in November. The members shall mark their ballots secretly and seal same in an envelope expressly provided. The sealed ballot shall be returned to the C.P.A. by mail along with an acknowledgement form which the Secretary shall provide, stating that the person casting the vote was, in fact, a qualified voting member of F.Q.H.A. The deadline for the return of ballots shall be submitted to the members with each ballot. In all cases, ballots must be received and in hands of Certified Public Accountant no later than first Monday in December. Ballots will be mailed with a pre-addressed return envelope, and will be returned to the Florida Quarter Horse Association Certified Public Accountant who, after receiving said envelopes, shall account for the number received, and shall seal said envelopes in a bag for delivery to the F.Q.H.A. office. The Secretary shall be responsible to deliver the unopened sealed bag to the next meeting of the Board of Directors for tabulation. . In the case of an unopposed slate of nominees, the slate will stand as written, with no vote required, and be published in the next possible issue of the association newsletter and on the website, no later than December 1st.

The four (4) Directors to be elected annually shall be by a plurality of the votes cast. The four (4) nominees for Director receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie vote, another vote shall be taken between the tied nominees to determine the winner. The three (3) members of the nominating committee shall be elected in the same manner as Directors of the Association. Persons serving on the nominating committee are not eligible to be re-nominated by the committee for ANY reason. Election of Proposed National Directors shall be determined in the same manner as the Directors except that the number

may vary from year to year as determined by the American Quarter Horse Association.

ARTICLE V STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. Nominating Committee, three (3) members. It shall be the duty of the nominating committee to prepare a slate of Directors, National Directors, and a Nominating Committee for the following year. It shall submit this slate to the Secretary by the first Monday in October.

Section 2. The Association shall have the following Standing Committees:

- a. Breeders Committee.
- b. Membership Committee, three (3) members.
- c. Show Committee, a minimum of three (3), but not more than twelve (12) members.
- d. Special Committees.
- e. Youth Committee.

Section 3. Breeders Committee. It shall be the duty of the Breeders Committee to stimulate interest in breeding registered American Quarter Horses in the State of Florida.

Section 4. Membership Committee. It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to stimulate membership in this Association and to investigate applicants for membership and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Show Committee. It shall be the duty of the Show Committee to stimulate interest in halter and performance events where registered quarter horses are shown and to promulgate rules and regulations controlling said halter and performance events. The rules and regulations so promulgated shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for their approval. These rules when approved and adopted shall comply with applicable rules and regulations of the American Quarter Horse Association and it shall be the duty of this committee to enforce duly adopted rules and regulations and recommend to the Board of Directors punishment for failure to comply therewith. This committee shall approve or disapprove all shows for the year. The method of point scoring shall be adopted at any annual meeting by a majority of qualified members present. Any proposed change shall be submitted to the membership in accordance with the rules set up for elections in Article IV.

Section 6. Any special committees necessary as determined by the President.

Section 7. Youth Committee. It shall be the duty of the Youth Committee to stimulate interest in youth halter and performance events where registered quarter horses are shown.

Section 8. The President with the approval of the Board of Directors shall appoint these standing committees. The term of all committees shall expire with the term of President, regardless of pending unfinished business.

Section 8a. It shall be the duty of the Chair of each committee to submit a written report of current activity of that committee

Section 9. The immediate past chair of each Standing Committee shall become a member of that Committee for the ensuing year. Said member shall not count as one of those as specified under Section (2) of this Article.

ARTICLE VI HANDLING OF FUNDS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1. The funds of the corporations shall be deposited at such bank, trust company, and stock agencies, as the Directors shall designate. They shall be withdrawn only upon the check or order of the Treasurer, countersigned by the President or Vice-President with the exception that the Treasurer shall have the authority to draw checks against any account, up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) on his signature alone.

Section 2. The funds of the F.Q.H.Y.A shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the F.Q.H.A. for their safekeeping. They shall be accounted for separately and be withdrawn only upon the check or order of the F.Q.H.A. Treasurer, countersigned by the President or the Vice-President upon receipt of a duly signed voucher from the advisor of the Youth Activities of the F.Q.H.A.

ARTICLE VII BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS

By-Laws and Amendments to the By-Laws not inconsistent herewith may be altered, amended, repealed or added to by an affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the qualified members present and provided a quorum is present at the annual meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose, provided that a written notice shall be sent to each qualified member of record at their last known post office address at least twenty

(20) days before the date thereof, which notice shall state the alterations, amendments or changes which are proposed to be made in such By-Laws. Only such changes as have been specified in the notice shall be made.

ARTICLE VIII FUTHER POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association shall have such further powers as are given or granted to cooperative Associations organized under Chapter 618 of the Florida Statutes of A.D. 1941

and all amendments thereto and the Association shall be conducted and governed in accordance with the specific provisions of said Chapter and Amendments and these Articles of Incorporation.

HANDBOOK OF RULES & REGULATIONS

I. Membership

Date of acceptance for membership shall be that on the application for membership when approved by the Board of Directors. All Benefits shall accrue from the date of application forward.

II. Dues

Dues are due and payable on January 1st. Memberships not renewed by that date will expire and no benefits shall be accrued.

III. Voting

Only those who are qualified Florida resident members on September 1st may vote in the annual election of that year.

IV. General Rules & Regulations for Show and Contest

- A. A.Q.H.A. Rules & Regulations shall govern all contests provided by F.Q.H.A. rules.
- B. Point Scoring system shall be adopted by the F.Q.H.A. and revised from time to time.
- C. Point Scoring system for the F.Q.H.Y.A. shall:
 - 1. Be in accordance with the F.Q.H.A. rules
 - 2. Be tabulated on a one youth/one horse basis in each event.
- D. Tie breaking methods shall be as follows in this numbered order:
 - 1. Horses having defeated the greater number of horses.

2. Add one (1) additional next best class for each tied horse until the tie is broken
3. Points earned under the greatest number of different judges.

V. Annual Open Awards

In determining these awards, the year will begin on January 1 and end on December 31. To be eligible, a horse must be owned by a Florida resident member of the F.Q.H.A. Upon transfer of the horse to another F.Q.H.A. Florida resident member, the F.Q.H.A. points are also transferable. Points will be awarded in accordance with the rules as adopted from time to time, in shows approved by F.Q.H.A. Awards shall be given as follows:

- A. Grand & Reserve Champion Stallion, Mare & Gelding
- B. High Point and Reserve High Point Awards shall be given in all A.Q.H.A. events providing F.Q.H.A. minimum requirements are met. In order for awards to be given in these events, the following shall apply:
 1. Classes must have been held in six (6) or more shows per year.
 2. The recipient of a year-end award for high point or reserve high point must have a minimum of twenty-five (25) points and have shown in 10 shows.
 3. All ties shall be broken (see IV, D)
- C. Doyle Conner High Point Performance Award: To qualify, the horse must have more points in open performance than any other horse. Green points will not count toward highpoint exhibitor or horse award. Green points will count in designated class awards. Doyle Conner High Point All Around Award: To qualify, the horse must have acquired a minimum of five (5) halter points under at least three (3) different judges and must have earned a minimum of twelve (12) points in each of three additional open classes. All Doyle Conner High Point awards are classified as revolving trophies and will not be retired, but kept as rotating awards. A replacement plaque will be given when the trophy is returned.

VI. Annual Youth Awards

In determining these awards, the year will begin on January 1 and end on December 31. To be eligible for Youth Awards, the Youth must be a member of both

F.Q.H.A. and F.Q.H.Y.A. Points will be awarded in accordance with the rules as adopted from time to time, in shows that are approved by the F.Q.H.A. Shows will be given F.Q.H.A. approval for youth events only on statewide school holidays between the dates of Labor Day, and June 15th, in any given year, as of 1/1/78.

- A. High Point and Reserve High Point Awards effective Jan 1, 2015, shall be given to the 1st and 2nd place Youth, as the classes are offered, provided F.Q.H.A. requirements are met. Awards shall be given to 1st and 2nd place in Junior and Senior Youth Halter events.
 - B. High Point Youth All Around awards will be given to both Champion and Reserve Champion All Around Youth in age groups 11 & Under, 12-14, 15-18 and Novice Youth. In order for awards to be given in Youth Events, the following shall apply:
 - 1. The recipient of a Youth Award for 1st and 2nd place must have earned a minimum of twenty-five (25) points and have shown in the given event at ten (10) shows.
 - 2. The point scoring system shall be the same as that adopted by F.Q.H.A., and revised from time to time
 - 3. All ties will be broken using approved F.Q.H.A. tie breaking method. (see IV, D.)
 - 4. In all events, points will be tabulated on a one youth/one horse basis.
 - 5. Residency requirements: To be eligible, a horse must be owned by a Florida resident member of F.Q.H.A. and F.Q.H.Y.A.
- VII. Youth Team Selection For Team Competition
- A. For the A.Q.H.Y.A. Youth Team, points will be tabulated on each youth/horse using the top ten (10) class scores of that youth/horse in each 18 & under youth event, May 1 to April 30. Effective May 1, 2009.
 - B. For the Congress Youth Team, points will be tabulated on each youth/horse in each 18 & under youth event that is applicable, using the top ten class scores of that youth/horse in each 18 & under youth event between January 1 and July 31. Effective May 1, 2009.
 - C. Novice Youth Points are not tabulated for youth team eligibility.

- D. If a Florida youth is nationally qualified, regardless of their State standings, they will automatically be on the team in order of their national standings.
- E. In the event of a tie, tie will be broken using approved F.Q.H.A. tie breaking method.
- F. In the event that the winning contestant cannot compete, for any reason, then successively, the next in line shall be selected.
- G. In Youth events for team competition for which there have been no F.Q.H.A. approved events, High School Rodeo, N.R.H.A., N.C.H.A., and other recognized special event association standings will be accepted, providing those Youth are also F.Q.H.A. and F.Q.H.Y.A. members.
- H. Except for extreme hardship, subject to review by a committee consisting of the FQHA Board of Directors, any child who has been State Qualified, accepted, and entered in the Youth World Show, but then does not show in that class, becomes ineligible for that class the following year.
- I. Procedure for slots not duly qualified: The child must apply by a specified date, and the spot is chosen by a random drawing.

VIII. Annual Amateur Awards:

In determining Amateur Awards, the year will begin on January 1 and end on December 31. To be eligible for Amateur Awards, the Amateur exhibitor must hold an A.Q.H.A Amateur Exhibitor card and must be a member of F.Q.H.A. All points are tabulated on a one horse/rider basis. To be eligible for annual awards, the amateur must show a minimum of ten (10) shows, and accumulate a minimum of twenty-five (25) points in the given event over the course of the show year.

A. High Point and Reserve High Point awards shall be given to the 1st and 2nd place Amateur in Amateur, Select Amateur, and Novice performance events, providing minimum FQHA requirements are met. Awards will be given to 1st and 2nd place in Junior and Senior Amateur Halter events.

B. High Point Amateur All Around

Awards will be given to both Champion and Reserve Champion All Around Amateur in Amateur, Select Amateur, and Novice, with the requirements being the same as those for Youth (IV, section B).

IX. Non Florida Resident Awards

Effective January 1, 2015, Out Of State recognition will be given as a single award to FQHA Member residing Out Of State. With the exception of residency, the requirements for these awards shall be the same as those for in-state residents.

**THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE FLORIDA QUARTER HORSE
YOUTH ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of the Association shall be:
THE FLORIDA QUARTER HORSE YOUTH
ASSOCIATION

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the Association is formed is;

1. Development of leadership initiative , self-reliance, sportsmanship and other desirable traits of character.
2. To promote pride of ownership of Registered Quarter Horses among boys and girls.
3. To promote safety.
4. To promote the teaching and learning of Horsemanship, both care and handling of horses and participation in the above.

**ARTICLE III
RULES OF PROCEDURE**

Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern all meetings.

**ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

Section 1: Membership in the association shall consist of two (2) classes. The first class shall be known as Regular Members. Membership in this class shall consist of boys and girls, 18 years and under, who are bona-fide residents of the State of Florida. The second class shall be known as Non-Resident Members. Membership in this class shall consist of boys and girls, 18 years and under, whose bona-fide residence is outside the State of Florida.

Section 2: Candidates shall be admitted to membership upon submission of a written application. The effective date of admission to membership shall be the same as that on the application providing it was accompanied by payment of one (1) years dues. All benefits accruing to current members shall, also, accrue to these new members from this date forward.

Section 3: Dues for youth members shall be automatically activated upon payment of either a Regular membership held by youth or Family

Membership paid in the F.Q.H.A. (In addition, Youth pay \$10.00 per youth into the FQHYA)

Section 4: Members 40 days in arrears in payment of dues shall forfeit their membership and be dropped from the roles of the Association if --upon written notice by the secretary -- their indebtedness remains unpaid 20 Days after mailing of said notice to the address as shown on the books of the Association.

Section 5: Only the regular members are entitled to vote on the business affairs of the Association.

Section 6: Non Resident members may compete in all activities of the Association, but may not receive any state awards nor represent Florida in any interstate or national competition.

Section 7: The age of each member shall be determined in accordance with A.Q.H.A. rules.

Section 8: A Qualified Member is a regular member in good standing who is not in arrears in payment of dues.

ARTICLE V AUTHORITY

The Association shall be under the direction and guidance of the Board of Directors and the Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee of the Florida Quarter Horse Association.

ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS

Section 1: At the Annual Meeting the Qualified Members shall elect three (3) qualified members to the Board of Directors, each to serve a term of three years and shall further elect such additional members as necessary to fill out any unexpired terms caused by resignation, loss of membership in the Association or any other cause.

Section 2: At the Annual Meeting following the adoption of these articles and due to the expansion of the Board of Directors from six to nine members, the membership shall elect three (3) additional qualified members to serve terms of three, two and one years respectfully.

Section 3: The term of office shall be from January 1 of the year following their election to December 31 of the year in which their respective terms expire, and thereafter until his/a successor has been elected.

Section 4: The general membership at the annual meeting shall elect from the membership of the Board of Directors and in the following order:

1. President
2. Vice President

Their term of office shall be from January 1 to December 31 of the year following their election, and thereafter until their successor has been elected.

Section 5: Election shall be by a majority vote of the qualified members or by mail in ballot. In the event that no candidate receives a majority vote then those two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be balloted for again to determine the successful candidate.

ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) qualified members duly elected as provided in Article VI and all past presidents of the association who currently are members of the Florida Quarter Horse Youth Association. (FQHYA)

Section 2: Each year there shall be elected three (3) qualified members to the Board of Directors, each with a three year term to serve from January 1 of the year following their election. In event for any reason a vacancy shall occur, the Board of Directors shall elect a qualified successor to serve until a successor can be duly elected to fill out the unexpired term at the next Annual Meeting. All vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors.

Section 3: The regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately after adjournment of the annual meeting of the members. Special meeting may be called by the President or in his absence by the Vice President or by any three members of the Board of Directors. Notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be in writing and mailed at least 14 days prior to the date of such meeting. By unanimous consent of all the Directors present any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors maybe held without notice. Five Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4: All business of the Association shall be managed, all expenditures approved and all agreements made by the Board of Directors.

Section 5: The Board of Directors may appoint any and all committees it deems necessary to carry on the business of the Association.

Section 6: The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of four (4) times during each year.

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**ARTICLE I
DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1: The President shall preside at all Association and Directors' meetings. He shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Association. He shall sign all written agreements and perform all other duties incident to the office. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a Secretary-Treasurer and a Reporter.

Section 2: The Vice President, in the absence of the President or his inability to act, shall perform all duties delegated to the office of the President.

Section 3: The Secretary shall issue notices of all meetings of the Association or its Board of Directors, shall attend and keep written minutes of same attested by his signature and perform all other duties incident to the office.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall collect all the dues and other monies due the association, shall maintain a set of books showing a proper accounting of the funds of the association coming in to the hands. He shall turn over, to the Treasurer of the F.Q.H.A., all such funds so collected for their safe keeping. Said funds shall be kept separate and apart from the funds of the F.Q.H.A. and shall be drawn on only upon presentation of vouchers properly signed by President and Treasurer of the F.Q.H.Y.A. and countersigned by the Adviser of the Youth Activities Committee of the F.Q.H.A. He shall perform all other duties incident to his office and submit statements as required by the Board of Directors.

Section 5: The reporter shall report all activities of the Association including business meetings to the appropriate news media and/or as directed by the President or the Board of Directors. He shall maintain a scrap book of all activities of the Association.

**ARTICLE II
MEETINGS**

Section 1: The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held in November of each year in the same city and on the same date as that of the F.Q.H.A. The Awards Meeting shall be held following the year ending in the same city and on the date as that of F.Q.H.A. Special

Meetings may be called at any time by the President or in his absence by the Vice President or any three (3) members of the Board of Directors. All meetings shall be presided over by the President or in his absence by the Vice President. Members shall vote in person and not by proxy on all matters submitted to a vote at any meeting of the Association. A Quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Association shall consist of not less than 10% of the duly qualified members.

ARTICLE III AWARDS

Annual Awards shall be given only in those divisions that have a minimum of four (4) classes per year under rules as set forth by the Youth Committee of the F.Q.H.A.

ARTICLE IV POINT SCORING

The point scoring system shall be the same as that adopted by the F.Q.H.A. and as revised from time to time.

ARTICLE V TEAM SELECTION FOR COMPETITION

1. Individuals selected to represent Florida in interstate or in national competition shall be chosen under the rules as set forth in Article IV of these By-laws.
2. The last show to be used in making each team selection shall be held not more than 30 days, nor less than seven days prior to the final entry date for each competition.
3. In the event that the winning contestant cannot compete for any reason, then successively the next in line shall be selected.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

By-Laws and amendments to the By-Laws, not inconsistent herewith may be adopted by a vote of majority of all the qualified members present at any annual meeting of the Association, or any special meeting of the Association called for that purpose.

**ARTICLE VII
OFFICER**

The officers of the Association shall be:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Reporter

**ARTICLE VIII
SUSPENSION & EXPULSION**

Any member who shall willfully violate or infringe upon the provisions of these Articles or other rules promulgated hereunder shall be subject to expulsion, suspension or other disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE IX
FUNDS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The funds of the Association shall be deposited with the Treasurer of the F.Q.H.A. for their safe keeping. They shall be kept separate and apart from the funds of the F.Q.H.A. They shall be withdrawn by the President and/or Treasurer of the F.Q.H.A. only upon receipt of properly signed documentation of expenditures by the Treasurer of the F.Q.H.Y.A. countersigned by the Advisor of the Youth Activities Committee of the F.Q.H.A.

**ARTICLE X
AMENDMENTS**

Amendments of these Articles may be adopted by two-thirds vote of the qualified members present at any Annual or Special Meeting called for that purpose providing they are not inconsistent with the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the A.Q.H.Y.A.

**ARTICLE XI
ACCIDENTS**

The Florida Quarter Horse Youth Association being a non-profit organization shall not be responsible for loss or damage due to accident, theft or other cause incurred by any member, visitor or guest.

**ARTICLE XII
STATE AWARDS**

Only members of the F.Q.H.Y.A. shall compete for State awards and/or represent Florida in interstate or national competition.