



Youth World Cup 2020
Netherlands
Tentatively 2-12 July 2020
Briefing Document

What is the American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup?

The American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup is an International youth event, held every two years, which is a showcase of superior horsemanship, leadership, and camaraderie among equine enthusiasts from many nations. The members chosen for Team Australia will represent Australia not only in horsemanship but also in International goodwill. The Youth World Cup gives our youth a unique opportunity to learn in a “hands on” setting with other international Quarter Horse enthusiasts.



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The YWC Experience and Team Positions

YOUTH WORLD CUP TEAM (RIDERS)

Five (5) Youth applicants will be selected as “Riding members” of Team Australia. Additionally, one youth applicant will be selected as a reserve member of the team, who will be part of the Leadership team. It is expected that all members of Team Australia assist in all areas of support in equine care (grooming, feeding, tacking horses etc) whilst in attendance at the Youth World Cup 2020. A Roster will be provided to all Team Members to ensure equity across, leadership, reserve and riding team members.

The selectors will be advised that if any youth that applies, has the skills and the show records for Reining and/or Cutting, then they should be considered for a position on the team as long as all other eligibility requirements are met.

At no time will the Reserve team member ride unless there is illness or injury preventing a riding team member participating, or in the event of any disciplinary action which removes a riding team member from riding duties. The determination as to which events, and which horses are used for each riding member will be the decision of the Coach and his/her decision will be final.

YOUTH WORLD CUP TEAM (LEADERSHIP) – NON-RIDERS

There is an option within the selection process to offer Leadership positions to applicant who demonstrates an outgoing, courteous and friendly demeanour whilst still expressing adequate horsemanship skills. The Youth World Cup normally organises several activities through the week for leadership representatives, and they are also welcome to fence sit on any clinics which may be part of the Youth World Cup experience. As part of the Leadership team, there are opportunities to spend quality time with all the international competitors and gives the opportunity for Youth, who might wish to aspire for the next youth world cup team, the ability to learn from the experience to develop to their skills for their future aspirations.

A maximum of four (4) applicants will be selected to be part of the Leadership Team who will accompany the competing Team members to the Youth World Cup, at no time will Leadership Team Members ride within Youth World Cup and would appreciate those interested in a leadership position indicate this on the application form.

GENERAL

It is important to understand that all riding team members, in the American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup, will compete on horses donated by the host country.

Riding team members will participate in clinics conducted by Professional Clinicians and finish the Youth World Cup experience by competing in an International standard show.

Successful applicants must be able to demonstrate excellent communication skills, both with peers and adults, and be respectful and courteous at all times.



Each team member will be required to wear team uniform as directed by the Manager for all events.

SPONSORSHIP

As with any major undertaking funding will be a significant issue. The AQHA has begun its sponsorship activities in the hope of securing corporate sponsorship for Team Australia 2020. Should corporate sponsorship be secured early in the campaign, all applicants and ultimately, successful Team members will be required to promote any and all corporate sponsors as part of their activities.

Parent/Guardians that are able to assist in introducing corporate sponsorship to cover the costs of the team are encouraged to contact AQHA, the Team Manager or the Youth Convenor.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR RIDER / LEADERSHIP MEMBERS

1. RIDER APPLICANTS for the Youth World Cup must be aged 15 years and not older than 18 years as at June 30, 2020.

LEADERSHIP APPLICANTS must be aged 13 years and not older than 18 years as at June 30, 2020.

2. All applicants must be full financial youth members of, and in good standing with, the American Quarter Horse Association at the time of application and must keep this membership current at least up until the 31st December 2020. (*Attach copy of AmQHA membership card with application*)

3. All applicants must be current financial Youth members of the Australian QHA and have been full financial youth members in good standing for a period of two (2) consecutive years, at the time of application and must keep this membership current at least up until the 31st December 2020. (*Attach copy of AQHA membership card with application*)

4. All applicants must hold a current Australian Passport. (*Copy of passport details must be in the AQHA office by 1st November 2019 and must be a passport that is valid until at least 31st January 2021*)

5. Application will only be accepted on the official application form.

6. All Applications must be in the AQHA office with a non-refundable application fee of \$50 by 5pm, 28th May 2019.

7. Fees

- a) 5th July 2019 - A minimum of \$500 needs to be submitted to the AQHA. Failure to raise this \$500 by this date will eliminate the Youth from selection.
- b) 30th December 2019 – Payment of \$2975 to be made to the AQHA
- c) 31st March 2020 – balance of \$ 3025 to be made to the AQHA.



8. FOR YOUR APPLICATION TO BE ACCEPTED, applicants **must** complete the official application form ensuring that **all** requested information is supplied in full.
9. Failure to attend or meet any of the above-mentioned criteria could result in the applicant not being considered for selection. The \$50 application fee does not form part of the required \$6,500 payment, it is a separate application fee.
10. Notification of selection, of successful applicants, will be via email after the August 2019 Board meeting.
11. Applicants will be required to bring their own horse or a borrowed horse to any camp/clinic. Over the duration of the camp/clinics, applicants will be required to ride horses other than their own and agree to allow their horses to be ridden by other applicants.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection panel will present to the Youth Convenor their recommendations for Rider Team Members, a Reserve (who will be part of the Leadership members) and if there is suitable applicants to represent Australia as a Leadership Team Members, in a sealed envelope to be opened at the next Board meeting. The Convenor will then present to the Board of Directors the recommendations to be accepted.

The Selectors appointed to determine the team members for both the Rider Team members and Leadership Team Members for Team Australia 2020 will:

1. Observe applicants leading up to selection of the team where possible, paying close attention to and evaluating their horsemanship and presentation skills, and their attitude, communication skills and sportsmanship.
2. Observe applicants over the selection period paying close attention to all applicants in relation to, but not limited to:
 - a) The demonstration of exemplary standards of communication, attitude, behaviour, ethics, and sportsmanship skills
 - b) The ability to work cooperatively with peers and display leadership qualities in various activities
 - c) Demonstrate horsemanship skills that can get the best results from horses of varying abilities and training levels.
 - d) Demonstrate grooming and presentation skills.



- **3.** Selectors will review the applications of each applicant to establish:
 - a)** Proven show experience in a variety of AQHA events and preferably on more than one horse;
 - b)** Proven record of working co-operatively with peers and displaying equestrian/ leadership qualities in various activities.
- 4.** To complete the selection process, all applicants will be required to demonstrate, under show conditions, their ability to perform.

Note placings and results at shows will be taken into consideration in conjunction with criteria 1, 2 and 3 above.

The final stage of the selection process requires all applicants to attend the Youth World Cup Camp from 11-14 July 2019 at the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre in Tamworth, New South Wales. It is the responsibility of the applicant to pay for all expenses incurred to attend and take part in the selection camp.

Post selection of the Youth World Cup Riding Team, it is a mandatory requirement that successful applicants attend YWC Training Camps which will be held from time to time leading up to the competition in July 2020. It will be the responsibility of each team member to pay for any expenses incurred as a result of these training camps.