



Participation Information
and
Organizer's Sourcebook

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YOUTH AND RACING AMERICAN QUARTER HORSES

What's faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive and makes your heart beat faster than you've ever felt before?

You guessed it! Racing American Quarter Horses! AQHYA program is designed to introduce today's youth to the excitement and career opportunities found in American Quarter Horse racing as well as the care taken to keep these equine athletes safe and healthy.

AQHYA YOUTH RACE EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW

The AQHYA Youth Race Experience is a one, two or three-day program organized by AQHA state or provincial affiliates designed to introduce AQHYA Members and local youth to the world of racing. A broad overview of the entire racing industry is offered - from training in the morning to marketing the races in the afternoon - participants get a behind-the-scenes look into the industry and meet the people who help the show go on every day. Local affiliates host these experiences so the youth won't have to venture too far from home.

AQHYA CHAMPIONSHIP EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW

The AQHYA Championship Experience is like being at the NCAA Final Four for racing; it's held during the Bank of America Challenge Championships, AQHA's multimillion-dollar racing program, while showcasing the industry's top trainers, horses, jockeys and venues.

The AQHYA Championship Experience gives participants an all-access pass to racing. The time frame and agenda is expanded from what is offered in the Youth experience to include all of the details in the organization and management of the racetrack.

Each morning is spent with an assigned trainer and a horse that is participating in the Bank of America Challenge Championships. This year-end event showcases the "who's who" of racing American Quarter Horses and trainers. Participants are guaranteed to meet the most famous owners, trainers, jockeys and, of course, horses in the horse racing industry.

Youth selected for the Challenge Championship vie for generous scholarships by completing a workbook and exam that tests their knowledge of the AQHA racing industry.

Both the Youth and Championship Experiences offer an insight into the horsemanship and business organization required in racing including:

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| Test Barn | Starting Gate | Jock's Room |
| Photo-Finish | Tote/Mutuels/Money Room | Video Production |
| Track Vet | Paddock Judge | Chartwriters |
| Identifier | Clerk of Scales | Stewards |
| Announcer | Track Photographer | Trainers |
| Owners | Exercise riders | Outriders |
| Racing equipment | Training techniques | Rules of racing |

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Most Youth Experience organizers only require youth to sign up or register to participate although there may be some age limitations in place.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO HOST A YOUTH PROGRAM

THE THREE MOST OFTEN ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Where do we start?
2. What if there is no American Quarter Horse racing in our state or province?
3. What if we don't know anyone involved in racing?

The answer is easy and just a phone call away. Call the AQHA. You'll be put in touch with the closest affiliate already planning a race day or be assisted in making the initial contact with a racing organization in your area to get the ball rolling for your own Youth event.

Even if there isn't any American Quarter Horse racing in your area, you may be able to hold your event at a track that is racing thoroughbreds. All of the basics are the same, the primary difference is that one breed is a distance specialist while the other is a sprint specialist.

PUTTING YOUR PROGRAM TOGETHER

Daily templates are provided as a guide to help you get started and give you an idea of what has worked for other groups. You may have someone in your area with unique skills - not listed on the template - who you'd like to showcase. Wonderful! Templates are just intended to be a guide to get you started.

Some basic worksheets are also included to use as handouts to help you get the participants interested in understanding the details of how racing works. The answer sheets are provided for you.

It is intended that each program ends up being very unique in its details. AQHA would like to help you cover the basics.

Some programs keep hand-outs simple and use just an AQHA brochure or two; this seems to be the best way to go if the group has a wide range of ages.

Other organizers put together a notebook and include some of the materials provided here; this is appropriate when the majority of the participants are older and likely to want the extra information to take home.

Some organizers award scholarships to the most active participants of the group – the top youth is eligible to be nominated for the trip to the Challenge Championships.

Many give T-shirts to everyone or provide candid photos of each participant. Races may be named for the event and the youth make the winner's circle presentation and get a copy of the win picture. This promotes the program to everyone at the track that day, in addition to creating a great keepsake.

Note: Racetracks should be contacted early in the planning process by the Affiliate to coordinate and plan the activities.

Most racetracks are very helpful in providing goodies or sponsoring a meal. There are thousands of ways to make the day special; they're limited only by your imagination!

Organizers must notify the AQHA of their proposed event at least 30 days in advance by using the form provided.

PARTNERS

The people you'll need to work with include horsemen, track management and the racing commission.

HORSEMEN

Working with your racing horseman's organization or an individual who trains at the track is a must. You will need at least one trainer who is willing to take the time to talk to the group and allow them to see the workings of the racing barn. Some programs arrange for each youth to visit a different trainer, while others find it easier to stay together as a group and visit a couple of different trainers.

The biggest issue to the trainers seems to be that they "don't know what they are supposed to talk about." The fact is they have a great deal to offer and we want to make it as easy for them as we can. Therefore, we created a trainer's guide sheet to take care of that concern right from the start. Many trainers have not put together a presentation in a number of years and will jump at the chance to work from a "cheat" sheet. This is very useful for two reasons. 1) It makes the job of the trainers much easier because it cuts their preparation time down to almost nothing. 2) It also insures that the youth participants get the same basic information. So don't forget to provide the trainers with the guide sheet.

MANAGEMENT AT THE TRACK

Racetrack representation is also very important to your program. First, track representatives can talk about the business side of racing with the group and explain how a day of racing is put together for the public. Second, you will need their permission and personnel to get into the restricted stable areas that are not open to the general public.

THE RACING COMMISSION

The racing commission, or at least the state steward at the track you'll be visiting, needs to know about the event. Many times the track personnel will make these arrangements for you, but be aware that the regulatory body in your jurisdiction must know that there will be a group in restricted areas. The racing commission is the regulatory arm of racing charged with upholding the rules and regulations of racing and insuring its integrity. (You may not be aware of this, but everyone at the racetrack that does anything - even food and beverage servers - must be licensed by this organization.)

The racing commissions are very supportive of educational events like these, but you will need to follow their instructions as to how to handle the non-licensed personnel in restricted areas.

Although every commission develops its own specific rules governing the conduct of horse racing, the basic reasoning is the same. To give you an idea of the basic rules of racing, we have provided you with the pertinent chapters from the Model Rules of Racing developed by a respected industry organization - the Association of Racing Commissioners International. These might be better titled the "most commonly used" rules. They give an excellent overview of the scope of the rules and regulations associated with racing without getting bogged down in too much detail. Having these sections available to you during discussions is especially helpful because you can refer back to them to see how a rule dictates how things are done at the track.

TIME TO GET STARTED!

The most important thing is to go ahead and get started knowing that you can count on AQHA for any guidance you may need along the way to make the event a success.

YOUTH RACING EXPERIENCE HOST FORM

This form must be completed and emailed/mailed to AQHYA if you are hosting an AQHYA Youth Day at the Races or Youth Racing Experience.

This form must be submitted to AQHA Office at least 30 days prior to the event.

Affiliate/ State: _____

Organizer's Information:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Contact Person If Different: _____

Racing Experience Information:

Date: _____

Location: _____

Capacity: _____

Cost to Attend: _____

**Tentative Agenda and Tentative Budget Must Accompany This Application
Please attach a copy.**

The Organizer may nominate exceptional youth who participate at your Racing Experience to the AQHYA National Youth Racing Experience.

You must email or mail us the name by September 1!

AQHYA
Attention: Robin Alden
PO Box 200
Amarillo, TX 79118
youth@aqha.org
806-378-4392

Sample Letter

(Insert Affiliate Logo or use affiliate letterhead)

Sample Quarter Horse Association
PO Box 555
Anywhere, AZ 85552

The American Quarter Horse Youth Racing Affiliate would like to invite your affiliate's Youth to the 2013 Youth Racing Experience **DATE**.

The AQHYA and AQHA Youth Racing Affiliates host this event as an opportunity for horse-loving youth to experience the racing side of the industry. Inspiring more involvement and excitement among our youth is our number one priority. We would be pleased to have your help in motivating our youth to continue building our industry.

Attached is the information about the AQHYA Youth Racing Experience. Each AQHA Youth Racing Affiliate may nominate an exceptional youth to attend the AQHYA National Racing Experience. Those names will be submitted by September 1. If your youth is nominated then an application and essay process will take place to pick the top ten youth. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have about the Racing Experience.

Thank you and we hope to see your Youth there!

Sincerely,

MINNESOTA



**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MINNESOTA YOUTH
\$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP**

**"YOUTH DAY AT THE RACES"
JUNE 16, 2012**

**Sponsored by
Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing Association**

Take advantage of this opportunity to gain a first hand view of American Quarter Horse racing. Spend a full day at Canterbury Park experiencing the activities involved with preparing a Quarter Horse to run, then attending the races, hearing the call. Submit your essay! There is nothing to lose.

A dozen participants will be chosen from entrants in an essay contest. Entries must be received on or before May 28, 2012.

At the conclusion of "Youth Day At The Races," the 12 participants will be given a short test covering the day's activities to determine the winner of the \$1,000 scholarship.

"Youth Day At The Races" contest rules:

1. Must be between the ages of 14 and 19 years of age as of June 1..
2. Must be a Minnesota resident
3. Must submit a written essay of 500 words or less on: **"Why Participation In "Youth Day At The Races" Is Important to Me."**
4. Entries must be received on or before May 28, 2012. Submit entries to:

Doug Steiskal
24547 Tulip St. NW
Isanti, MN 55040
E-mail: dougsteiskal@q.com

Inquiries to: Doug Steiskal, MQHRA youth advisor at 763-444-6121 or Al Lundgren at 763-559-2637.

Sample

Fast Horse Resource Magazine



INDIANA Quarter Horse Racing Youth Day 2013



Spend an entire day with Directors of the Quarter Horse Racing Association of Indiana and horsemen who have the desire to share their passion of Quarter Horse Racing with the future owners, trainers, jockeys and breeders of the Quarter Horse Racing Industry in Indiana. Work side by side with leading trainers in the industry and experience the thrill of the gates opening and watching a horse you just groomed cross the finish line first.

Fast forward a few years and imagine if that horse were actually yours!! It doesn't have to be an impossible dream. Put your plan into action NOW.

Complete the following application and return it by May 15th to be considered for the unique opportunity being offered by the Quarter Horse Racing Association of Indiana

What: Quarter Horse Youth Day at the Races

When: June 15th

Where: Indiana Downs Race Track

Complete the application below and return it to the President of the Quarter Horse Racing Association, Chris Duke, at the address listed on the application by May 15th.

You will be notified by June 1st if you have been accepted as one of the participants for the 2013 QHRAI Quarter Horse Youth Day at the Races.

Cut along dotted line and return bottom portion to address below.

YOUTH APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: _____

AGE: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

PHONE: () _____ () _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PARENT'S INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: () _____

Please mail this application to:

Chris Duke, P. O. Box 254, Whiteland, IN 46184

or call 317-474-0088 or 317-535-7191 with any questions. Applications must be postmarked by May 15th, 2013.

For questions below, attach another sheet of paper if necessary.

Please list your experience with horses (i.e. 4-H, barrel racing, racing, trail ride, etc.):

Why do you want to participate in QHRAI's Youth Day?

WHERE TO GO IN YOUR AREA

AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE RACING AFFILIATES ARE YOUR LINK!

If you're ready to buy an American Quarter Horse or if you already have a horse and want to become more involved in AQHA activities, your American Quarter Horse Racing Affiliate is your link to local involvement. Each affiliate signs an agreement with AQHA to support the growth of the breed and sponsor AQHA-approved races and other programs.

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ronsmithquarterhorses@gmail.com

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208-365-3874
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Bruce Cater

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419-253-2048
Tamie Grandstaff
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405-216-0440
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South Dakota Quarter Horse Association
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Racing Association
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aqhra@shaw.ca

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Breeders
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Luigi Sale

Manitoba Quarter Horse
Racing Association
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Crystal McDonald

Quarter Racing Owners of
Ontario
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Bob Broadstock
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Saskatchewan Speed
Horse Association
306-493-3011
Ken McFarlane
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TEMPLATES FOR YOUTH RACING PROGRAMS

ONE-DAY PROGRAM

Section 1 - **The Racehorse and His Trainer**

1. Training techniques (theoretical and observed)
2. Racehorse equipment (training and racing)
3. Barn management techniques and horse health care
4. The expenses associated with race horse ownership
5. Get to "meet" a horse that will be competing during the program

Section 2 - **How Racing Works**

1. The Business of Racing
 - Terminology - handle, pari-mutuel, take-out, breakage, etc.
 - How to read a program
2. Rules Unique to American Quarter Horse Racing
 - Speed index
 - ROM
 - Time trials
 - Bank of America Racing Challenge

Section 3 – **Tour of Racing Officials and Departments**

(these should take place during races)

1. Test Barn
2. Starting Gate
3. Jock's Room
4. Track Vet
5. Paddock Judge
6. Identifier
7. Clerk of Scales
8. Stewards
9. Announcer

Section 4 - **AQHYA Racing Experience**

1. Championship Experience

TEMPLATES FOR YOUTH RACING PROGRAMS

TWO-DAY PROGRAM

Section 1 - The Racehorse and His Trainer

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| 1. Training techniques (theoretical and observed) | 4. Racing Surfaces Composition (cushion, base, etc.) Maintenance |
| 2. Racehorse equipment (training and racing) | |
| 3. Barn management techniques and horse health care | 5. Rules Unique to American Quarter Horse Racing |
| 4. The expenses associated with race horse ownership | Speed index ROM Time trials America Racing Challenge |
| 5. Get to "meet" horse that will be competing during the program | |

Section 2 - How Racing Works

1. The Business of Racing
 - Terminology - handle, pari-mutuel, take-out, breakage, etc.
 - Where revenue comes from and how it is split up - state, track, horsemen
 - The expenses of running a track - front side and backstretch
2. How Racing is Regulated
 - The racing commission
 - Why people are licensed
 - Special rules associated with the racetrack
3. Stewards and the Rules of Racing
 - The basic rules of racing (absolute insurer rule, etc.)
 - What stewards do (before and during races)
 - The power they have to enforce rules

Section 3 - Tour of Racing Officials and Departments

- (these should take place during races)
1. Test Barn
 2. Starting Gate
 3. Jock's Room
 4. Photo-Finish
 5. Tote/Mutuels/Money Room
 6. Video Production
 7. Track Vet
 8. Paddock Judge
 9. Identifier
 10. Clerk of Scales
 11. Stewards
 12. Chartwriters
 13. Announcer
 14. Track Photographer

Section 4 - AQHYA Racing Experience

1. Championship Experience

TEMPLATES FOR YOUTH RACING PROGRAMS

THREE-DAY PROGRAM

Section 1 - **The Racehorse and His Trainer**

1. Training techniques (theoretical and observed)
2. Racehorse equipment (training and racing)
3. Barn management techniques and horse health care
4. The expenses associated with racehorse ownership
5. Get to "meet" horse who will be competing during the program

Section 2 - **How Racing Works**

1. The Business of Racing
 - Terminology - handle, pari-mutuel, take-out, breakage, etc.
 - Where revenue comes from and how it is split up - state, track, horsemen
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3. Stewards and the Rules of Racing
 - The basic rules of racing (absolute insurer rule, etc.)
 - What stewards do (before and during races)
 - The power they have to enforce rules
4. Racing Department
 - The personnel of the racing office
 - How to read a condition book
 - Definition of kinds of races (claiming, allowance, stakes, etc.)
5. Rules Unique to American Quarter Horse Racing
 - Speed index
 - ROM
 - Time trials
 - Bank of America Racing Challenge

6. Racing Surfaces

- Composition (cushion, base, etc.)
- Maintenance

7. Simulcasting

- What it is
- The cost revenue as compared to a live race
- The technical side of it (decoders, up-linking, etc.)

8. Marketing/PR

- An overview of the track's philosophy and operations

9. Food and Beverage

- The scope of the track's specific track operations (In-house or contracted)
- Cost and revenue

Section 3 - **Tour of Racing Officials and Departments**

(These should take place during races)

1. Test Barn
2. Starting Gate
3. Jock's Room
4. Photo-Finish
5. Tote/Mutuels/Money Room
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Section 4 - **AQHYA Racing Experience**

1. Championship Experience

Bank of America Challenge Championships and the AQHYA National Racing Experience

Requirements:

Youth must be 14 years old as of January 1st of 2013. Racing affiliates may send one youth from their Youth experience by sending in their application by **September 1**. Youth may also apply to be an At-Large Participant. To apply, AQHA must receive your application by **September 1** as well. *No exceptions will be made.*

Financial Aid Opportunity:

\$6,000 worth of scholarships will be awarded according to the youth's over all scores. These scores from the pre-experience notebook, the second half of the notebook completed at the experience and the barn test will determine recipients.

There are two ways to be nominated:

1. While attending your Youth Racing Experience, you may be nominated by your host affiliate. Those youth that are nominated will then be asked to fill out an application and write an essay. The topics are "Why you are excited about the world of racing" and "What it means to you to be a part of the **Bank of America Challenge Championships and the AQHYA National Racing Experience**".
2. If you are not in an area of the United States that offers the Youth Racing Experience, you may use the online application and write an essay. The topics are "Why you are excited about the world of racing" and "What it means to you to be a part of the **Bank of America Challenge Championships and the AQHYA National Racing Experience**". After the Nominees have been chosen from the Youth Racing Experience, only a limited number of nominees from this category will be selected.
3. Once the essays and applications have been received, they will be reviewed by the AQHA/AQHYA management and 10 nominees will be picked for an all-expense paid trip to the **Bank of America Challenge Championships**.
4. All nominees must be a member of the AQHYA.
5. As a National Racing Experience Qualifier, each participant will receive:
 - a. An All-Expense Paid trip to the Challenge Championships
 - b. Goodie Bags with snacks
 - c. Goodie Bags with track product
 - d. Clearance to the stable area at the track
 - e. Get paired with a trainer for 3 days

No previous racing or hands-on horse experience is required to participate.

AQHYA RACING CHAMPIONSHIP EXPERIENCE

All applications (at large or Youth nominees) must be received at AQHA by September 1 Applicants must be at least 16 years of age by January 1st of the race year. Please print and fill this form out completely. Attach additional pages as necessary and return with a color photograph. The essay written by the applicant is required. The overall quality of the application will be taken into consideration.

PARENT(s) or GUARDIAN(s)

Name: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Mobile: _____

Work : _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP Code: _____

APPLICANT

AQHYA ID: _____

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Gender: _____

☐ Male

☐ Female

Birth date: _____

Age: _____

Are you a member of affiliate or Youth Quarter Horse Youth Associations? _____

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, list which ones: _____

If yes, do you hold an affiliate or Youth Quarter Horse Youth Association Office? _____

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, list which ones: _____

List all organizations you are a member of: _____

Hobbies and interests: _____

List your past experience(s) involving horses (i.e. ridden since you were 3, etc.): _____

Future plans or career goals: _____

List any previous knowledge of or experience you have in the horse racing industry: _____

Check any AQHYA Programs that you have been involved in.

____ Horseback Riding Program

____ STAR Program

____ Speech Contests

____ Talent Contest

____ Photo Contest

____ Other: _____

____ Leadership Conference/AQHYA Convention

____ Wrangler All STAR Team Member

____ Horse Bowl Contest

____ Scrapbook

____ Art Contest

____ Judging Contest

AQHYA Youth Racing Experience held at: _____ (Location)

Are any of your family members involved in American Quarter Horse racing? _____

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, in what capacity? Please check all that apply.

Trainer _____ Breeder _____ Owner _____ Jockey _____ Racetrack Employee _____
Other (explain) _____

Attach a **typed, double-spaced essay no longer than 500 words** in length explaining how working with American Quarter Horses and attending the Racing Challenge Championship Experience could help shape your plans for the future.

AQHYA RACING EXPERIENCE ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

As a condition of participation in the AQHYA Racing Experience ("Racing Experience"), and in consideration of being allowed to participate, the Participant and the Parent/Guardian of the Participant does hereby:

1. **CERTIFY** that Participant agrees to abide by AQHA rules and obey the directions of the AQHA representatives conducting the Racing Experience.
2. **AGREE** and represent that Participant understands the nature of the participation and attendance activities associated with the Racing Experience ("Activities") and that the Participant is qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activities;
3. **FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, "INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES" THAT MAY RESULT IN PROPERTY DAMAGE AND BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, AND DEATH (collectively "RISKS");** that such RISKS may be caused by Participant's own action or inaction, the action or inaction of others participating in the Activities, the condition of the premises at which the Activities take place, and/or the negligence of the "Releasees" named below;
4. **UNDERSTAND AND AGREE** that "Inherent risk of equine activities" means dangers or conditions that are an integral part of equine activities, including, but not limited to, any of the following: (a) the propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine; (b) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (c) hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions; (d) a collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object; and (e) the potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to the person of the participant or to other persons, including but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant;
5. **FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES PARTICIPANT INCURS AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES;**
6. **WARRANT AND REPRESENT** that, if the Activities involve horses, Participant is adequately qualified and experienced to both (a) safely handle and ride a horse in a manner to protect Participant and other third parties, and (b) participate with groups of riders and horses, such as to take adequate defensive action to avoid injury from third party participants and horses. Furthermore, Participant understands that it is Participant's responsibility to ascertain the adequacy of Participant's training and experience, the adequacy and training of Participant's horse, and for Participant conduct himself/herself in a manner such as to make the Activities safe and enjoyable for all participants;
7. **HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE AQHA, AQHF, AND/OR AQHA CORPORATE PARTNERS OR THEIR RESPECTIVE ADMINISTRATORS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, OFFICERS, MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, AND EMPLOYEES, AND, IF APPLICABLE, OWNER AND LESSORS OF PREMISES ON WHICH THE ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE, (EACH CONSIDERED ONE OF THE "RELEASEES" HEREIN) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES WHENEVER OR HOWEVER ARISING AS TO INJURY, DEATH AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURRING AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES OR CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.**
8. **AGREE** to indemnify, hold harmless and defend RELEASEES from any and all liability, whenever or however arising, from all third party claims, demands, causes of action, suits, judgments, liabilities, costs and expenses of any nature arising out of (a) Participant's negligent act(s) or omissions during or related in any way to the Activities; and/or (b) Participant's willful act(s) or omission(s) during or related in any way to the Activities; and/or (c) any misinformation or misrepresentations made by Participant in this Agreement. Participant agrees to pay any of RELEASEES costs, expenses and reasonable attorney fees incurred, arising directly or indirectly out of or with respect to any third party claims or associated with the enforcement of the indemnity obligations referenced above.
9. Should the Participant not abide by the established rules of conduct, understand that the Participant will be returned home, and Parent/Guardian agrees to pay for the necessary transportation expenses for the Participant and the accompanying chaperone. Parent/Guardian authorizes those in charge of the delegation to make medical arrangements for the care of the Participant as deemed necessary. Parent/Guardian further authorizes any licensed medical person/facility to treat the Participant. Parent/Guardian agrees to assume full financial responsibility for any medical services provided.
10. Agree that AQHA may use any photograph, video or other form of likeness reproductions of Participant to promote AQHA objectives and activities, including but not limited to use by third parties with AQHA's authorization.
10. **AGREE** that this Assumption of Risk/Release of Liability/Indemnity Agreement ("Agreement") (a) shall bind me, my family, my heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns; (b) shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas; and (c) shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in Potter County, Texas.
11. Agree that I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I am giving up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any provision of this agreement is held to be void, voidable, invalid or inoperative, the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect as though such provision had not been contained herein.

Participant's (Youth's) Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature*: _____

Date: _____

***If Legal Guardian, court-issued documentation must accompany entry if not already on file with AQHA—NO EXCEPTIONS.**

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR AQHA'S RECEIPT:

September 1

SEND TO: AQHYA

ATTN:

1600 Quarter Horse Dr.

Amarillo, TX 79104

PHONE: (806) 378-4392, FAX: (806) 349-6412

TEACHING GUIDE FOR VOLUNTEER TRAINERS

The following lists the concepts and/or skills we'd like the participants in the AQHYA Racing Experience to witness. This list can certainly be expanded, but we'd like to insure that all participants get the same basic curriculum.

Management & Administration of a Racing Barn

1. Learn about the routine of a "typical" day (racing and non-racing) at the racing stable, what goes on from the time the first person gets to the barn in the morning to the time when the last person leaves in the evening. This includes how many people it takes to run the barn and what their specific responsibilities are.
2. The expenses and revenue associated with owning or training a racehorse; what the owner pays for and what the trainer pays for. For your convenience, we have provided a worksheet on the following page.

Horsemanship & Training Techniques

1. Training issues:
 - What is involved in getting a two-year-old to its first race
 - How you keep the "veterans" in winning form
2. Identification of the equipment used in racing and training - bits, bridles, martingales, saddles, tongue ties, bandages, boots, blinkers, shadow rolls, etc. What they look like, what they are used for and how to fit them properly.
3. The proper way to bandage a leg for training, racing and in the barn
4. Your views and practices in the use of different therapies such as using ice, whirlpools, magnetic therapy, etc.
5. Where to find and how to read a tattoo
6. Shoes and shoeing for the racehorse
7. The feeding regime for horses of varying age and fitness. What supplements are used?
8. Etiquette on the racetrack. How does everyone stay out of each other's way in the morning?
9. The routine of the horse's day. We'd like each student to follow:
 - at least one horse through a "training" or non-racing day
 - at least one horse on the day that it is racing

Facts & Figures*

Trainers Revenues

Day rate per horse \$ _____
Percentage of purse won by horses in training _____ %

Trainer's Expenses

Hay/grass, average cost \$ _____
Grains, average cost \$ _____
Supplements, average cost \$ _____
Bedding, average cost \$ _____
Equipment/supplies \$ _____
What equipment do you provide? _____

Assistant trainers, average salary \$ _____
Grooms, average salary \$ _____
Hot walkers, average salary \$ _____
Exercise riders, average salary \$ _____
Secretary/bookkeeper, average salary \$ _____
Workmen's Compensation \$ _____

Owners Revenues

Purses (range of winner's share) \$ _____

Owner's Expenses

Farrier \$ _____
Vet - for a generally "sound" racehorse \$ _____
Jockey Winning mount _____ %
Jockey Losing mount \$ _____
Any other barn members/staff Yes No \$ _____
Shipping, track to track \$ _____
Percent of purse to trainer _____ %

*When completing this sheet, please use the average cost of these items at this track or the average cost where you base your training operation. The amounts listed can certainly be general.

GETTING INVOLVED BY CLAIMING PURCHASING A HORSE AT THE TRACK

Like any athlete, horses compete at different levels. The racing secretary at a track will write races with varying conditions, which are eligibility requirements for races. One type of race is the claiming race, in which all horses entered are eligible to be purchased by a licensed owner or indirectly through a trainer (most states do require the owner to be licensed prior to claiming a horse). Claiming races are an easy way for a new owner to get involved.

Claiming races also test a horse's ability. Better quality claiming horses might run "for a tag" (his purchase price) for as much as \$50,000. Other, less-talented horses will run for a lesser price down to \$1,000. The dream of many owners is to claim a horse inexpensively in the hopes that in the right hands, he will be an outstanding runner.

Claiming a horse out of a race is almost like buying a used car. Sometimes you buy a real jewel, and other times, not so much. In essence, you have to know what you're doing when purchasing something someone has for sale.

When a trainer enters a horse in a claiming race, he is putting a price on his horse and offering him for sale. He also might be testing the ability of that horse. If the horse wins at that level, the trainer might decide to move him to a higher level, or if he loses, drop him in class.



TURNING IN A CLAIM

If you choose to get involved through the claiming process, there are some important steps you still need to know.

- ▶ Before a claim can be turned in, the person buying the horse – if they are not already licensed - must be approved by the stewards to ensure the buyer is ready to accept the financial responsibility.
- ▶ Once approved, the owner will deposit a claim certificate at the appropriate place.
- ▶ The necessary money must be in an account at the racetrack prior to the claim certificate being submitted. Depending on the state, claims must be turned in at least 15 - 20 minutes prior to post time. All claims deposited after the deadline are voided. All claims are time-stamped.
- ▶ Be accurate on your claim certificate. It is a binding contract, and errors, such as misspelled words or incorrect prices, will void the claim.
- ▶ If two or more people claim a horse, a "shake" will determine who gets the horse. (Draw out of a Bottle)
- ▶ Once the gates open, the person claiming the horse owns him. However, the former owner keeps any purse earnings.

Join in on the racing fun!



My name is _____ and I own

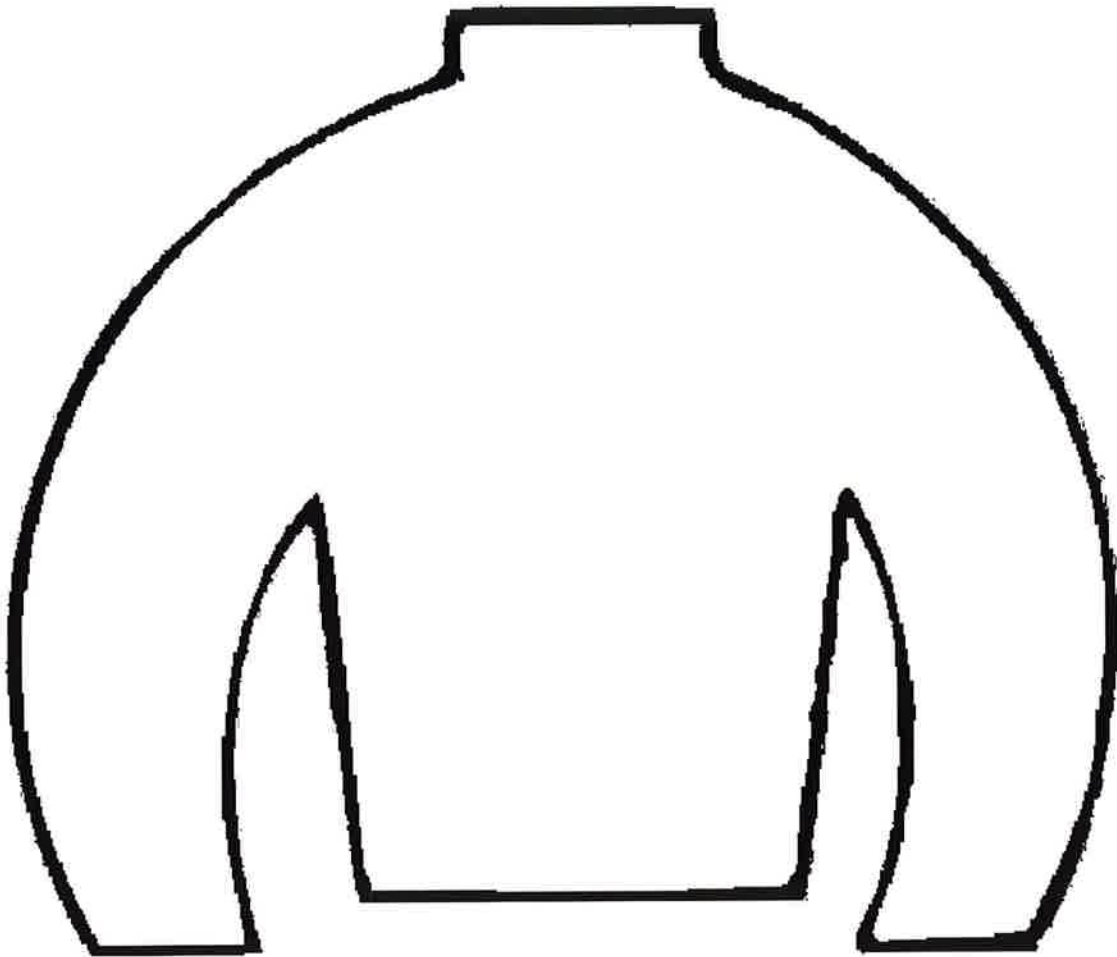
_____ the
_____ Racing Farm.

My most famous horse is _____.

The colors of my silks are _____.

because _____.

You should come visit me sometime and see my speedy
and spectacular friends.



AQHVA Racing Experience

TYPES OF RACES AND RACE DISTANCES

Match the following types of races with the correct description from the choices below.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| a. Maiden | _____ a non-claiming race in which the eligibility may also be associated with the number of wins or amount of money won |
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| c. Allowance equalize | _____ races in which the better horses carry more weight to the field |
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| g. Handicap | _____ races of high caliber horses that require a nomination and entry fee |

Fill in the correct term in each blank to complete the sentence.

1. AQHA-approved distances for short sprints are: _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____ yards.
2. AQHA-approved distances for long sprints are: _____, _____, _____ and _____ yards.
3. AQHA-approved distance races are: _____, _____ and _____ yards.
4. The distance conversion used in racing is: $\frac{1}{8}$ of a mile = _____ = _____ yards
5. _____, _____ and _____ are the only types of races that are considered "overnight" races.
6. _____ percent of American Quarter Horse races are claiming races.
7. _____ races are the type of race that offers the largest purse.
8. When someone uses the term going "around the hook," he/she is referring to _____
_____.

RACING OFFICIALS AND THEIR DUTIES

Match the job description with the official using the list below.

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| _____ Racing Secretary | e. takes care of the jockey's equipment and saddles the horses in the paddock |
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Answer the following questions about racing officials' duties.

1. If found guilty of a rule violation, what are the ways a steward may punish a licensee?

2. *True -or- False (circle one)*

Stewards/judges need to follow due process procedures and afford the licensee all the rights they would get in a court of law since stewards/judges are a part of the civil legal system.

RACING DEFINITIONS

Match the correct definition with the appropriate racing term.

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2. _____ black type

3. _____ blinkers

4. _____ condition book

5. _____ derby

6. _____ foul

7. _____ futurity

8. _____ inquiry

9. _____ length

10. _____ objection

11. _____ overnight

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13. _____ rundown bandage

14. _____ saddle towel

15. _____ shadow roll

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k. restricts the horse's peripheral vision

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m. aluminum horseshoe designed for racing

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1674

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1943

All American Futurity

3. In colonial days, these short distance race specialists were referred to as _____ and _____.

AQHA Racing Department

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blood typing

cow horses

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cutters

DNA testing

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Illustrious Colonial Quarter of a Mile Running Horse

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The Jockey Club

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Phoenix

9. All racing American Quarter Horses must be positively identified and then _____ by an AQHA-approved technician prior to competing in their first race.

Quarter Pathers

Street

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Tucson

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WORKBOOK ANSWER KEY

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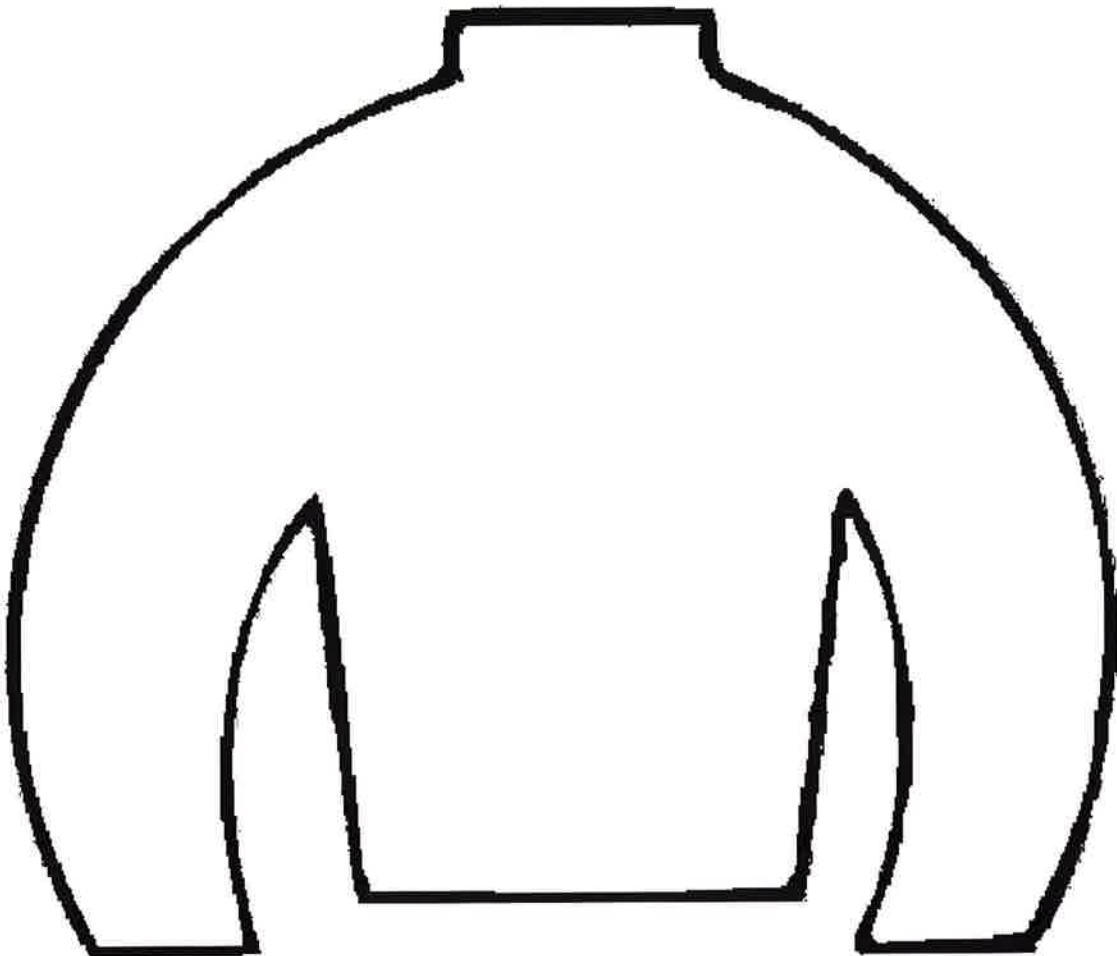
My name is Two Bits and I own
the Top Speed Racing
Farm.

My most famous horse is Ultimate.

The colors of my silks are blue, green and yellow

because they are my favorite colors.

You should come visit me sometime and see my
speedy and spectacular friends.



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3. AQHA-approved distance races are: **770, 870 and 1000 yards.**
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Claiming races – claiming races are the most common, constituting approximately 70% of all races run. In these races, horses are entered for a specific price and can be purchased or “claimed” by any licensed owner at the track for that price. This tends to equalize the class or competition in these races. An owner who has a \$15,000 horse will not race him in a \$5,000 claiming race, for fear that someone will claim his horse at a greatly reduced value. These races are designated by the claiming price (5000). A “C” in from of the claiming price in the past performance line means the horse was claimed in the race.

Also see the following.

2. By what process do you claim a horse? (circle the correct answer)
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