



Regional Youth Team Tournament Rules

YTH 107. REGIONAL YOUTH TEAM TOURNAMENT

This program offers youth of each Region the opportunity to compete in shows and rides, develop a feeling of camaraderie, and sportsmanship. Team points are accumulated throughout the year with awards being presented to the high scoring youth team in each Region. Contact the AHA office for program entry forms, Rules and Regulations, and any further information.

1. Entry fee \$10 (US Funds) per team, per section (AHA Recognized or non-AHA Recognized).
2. AHA Recognized Section.
 - a. Points can be accumulated at all USEF recognized/rated classes and Local Competition Member Shows or EC Recognized Show held within the Region.
 - b. Points can be accumulated at all AHA Recognized Competitive and Endurance rides.
 - c. Only AHA Recognized Shows for the Region a team is representing (i.e. shows that qualify for Regional Championships for that Region) will count for points for the Regional Team Tournament (BOD 8/02) No National Shows will be counted. (BOD 8/01)
3. Non-AHA Recognized Section.
 - a. Points can be accumulated at any non-AHA Recognized Show (4-H, schooling, fun shows etc.) held within the Region.
 - b. Points can be accumulated at all non-AHA Recognized Competitive and Endurance rides held within the Region.

YTH 108. ELIGIBILITY

1. Each contestant must be a current AHA youth member in good standing and be a member of a Member Organization in the Region which they represent. Direct AHA members are eligible for their first year of competition only. (BOD 8/03)
2. Each group is invited to enter as many teams as possible by February 1st of the current year. (BOD 8/02) (BOD 8/03)
3. Each team is made up of the following:
 - a. Coach. To give assistance to the team and to supply all information needed to the team tournament secretary. It is the coach's responsibility to pre-register the team and assure show results are sent. (Refer to YTH109.)
 - b. Not more than six AHA youth members. (BOD 11/08) Each youth member may hold only one space per team. (BOD 8/04) Note: A team may consist of fewer than six members.

YTH 109. REGIONAL YOUTH TEAM TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Each horse entered must be a registered Arabian, Half-Arabian, or AngloArabian and registration number must accompany team entry.

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2. Ownership of horse is not required. Entrants in the equitation/showmanship division need not declare an individual horse. In the event of injury to a horse preventing further competition in the tournament, a substitute may be made if approved by the Regional Youth Team Tournament Secretary and Coach.
3. If a rider becomes ill and is unable to compete in the tournament a substitute can be made if approved by the Tournament Secretary.
4. It is not mandatory that each team compete in each event or that the entire team be present at a show to count points towards the Youth Team Tournament.
5. All teams must be registered with AHA on or before February 1st of the calendar show year and their entry fees paid in full. (BOD 8/02)
6. No shows held prior to the registration of the teams will be considered. All points will be tabulated up to November 30 of the tournament year. (BOD 8/03)
7. All Regional Youth Team Tournament Result forms must meet the deadline of December 15th. Any points received after December 15th will not be recorded.
8. The team must designate which contestants will be competing in what divisions at time of registration. Each contestant may count points from only two divisions.
9. The following divisions are eligible for the Regional Youth Team Tournament points:
 - a. Breeding/Sport Horse In-Hand. (BOD 8/03)
 - b. Showmanship.
 - c. Western/Saddle/Hunter/Reining/Dressage Seat Equitation (specify one)
 - d. Driving
 - e. Reining
 - f. Working Western (event using cattle – specify one)
 - g. Walk-Trot/Jog Equitation.
 - h. Walk-Trot/Jog Pleasure.
 - i. Western Horsemanship.
 - j. Western Pleasure.
 - k. English Pleasure.
 - l. Country Pleasure.
 - m. Hunter Pleasure.
 - n. Mounted Native Costume.
 - o. Sidesaddle (BOD 8/03)
 - p. Trail or Western Riding or Ranch Riding.
 - q. Show Hack (English or road).
 - r. Dressage/Western Dressage.
 - s. Sport Horse Under Saddle (BOD 8/03)
 - t. Gymkhana Events (Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, etc. - specify one)
 - u. Jumper (including Working Hunter, Hunter Hack or Hunter Under Saddle).
 - v. Competitive Trail or Endurance.
 - w. Park
10. All six team contestants on the same team may compete in the same class and count points toward the Youth Team Tournament. Indicates rule change 3

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11. Each team contestant may compete in unlimited classes per show; however, only the two best classes in the declared division will count for points in the Regional Youth Team Tournament.
12. It is the responsibility of the team coach to send the team's results into the Tournament Secretary within 30 days of the show.
13. The Regional Champion, Reserve Champion, and top six teams will be selected on the basis of points accumulated in shows attended by the team in that tournament year. The highest scoring four shows will be totaled by the Tournament Secretary and used to determine the winner. (Send the results from all shows attended by your team in that calendar year and the highest scoring four will be selected at the end of the tournament)

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

1. Points will be awarded on the following basis:
 - a. 4 points: 1st place.
 - b. 3 points: 2nd place.
 - c. 2 points: 3rd place.
 - d. 1 point: 4th place.
2. Championship awards received will be on the same basis as above but doubled.
3. Regional Champions from Regional Championship classes recognized by the AHA Board of Directors shall receive the following points:
 - a. 12 points: Champion.
 - b. 10 points: Reserve Champion.
 - c. 8 points: Top Five.
4. Competitive Trail and Endurance Trail Divisions earn 1 point for every 5 miles completed.
5. Competitive Trail and Endurance Trail Divisions points will be awarded on the following basis:
 - a. 25 mile ride 1st = 2 points. 2nd = 1.5 points. 3rd = 1 point. 4th = 5 point.
 - b. 50 mile ride 1st = 4 points. 2nd = 3 points. 3rd = 2 points. 4th = 1 point.
 - c. 75 mile ride 1st = 6 points. 2nd = 4.5 points. 3rd = 3 points. 4th = 1.5 points.
 - d. 100 mile ride 1st = 8 points. 2nd = 6 points. 3rd = 4 points. 4th = 2 points.

YTH 111. SUBMITTING RESULTS OF THE REGIONAL YOUTH TEAM TOURNAMENT

1. A Youth Team Tournament Tally Sheet is to be used for results from each show. This will aid in point calculation and reduce mistakes. The Youth Team Tournament Coach will return the tally sheets to the Regional Youth Team Tournament Secretary. The Regional Youth Team Tournament Secretary will then forward tabulated copies of each tally sheet to the AHA Youth Department after each show for verification of the team's participation.
2. Regional Youth Team Tournament Secretaries must submit the Regional Youth Team Tournament Winners' Report Form for their Regional tournaments to AHA postmarked/electronic transaction dated by December 15th. Team rankings and number

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of total points, plus the names, addresses, and membership numbers of team members must be included.

3. Awards for each Regional high scoring youth team will be provided by AHA.

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