

## IjPHC Youth Team Tournament Selection Criteria

Any Illinois Youth member with the aspiration to participate in the Youth Team Tournament and represent Team Illinois at the AjPHA World Show must possess the desire to be on the World Show team and have a legal parent or guardian willing to accompany that Youth to the AjPHA World Show in Fort Worth, Texas. They must realize once entries are made they are committed to follow through and support the team, just like in any team sport. **EVERY TEAM MEMBER IS IMPORTANT!!!** Last minute withdrawal could lead to that member being required to pay a financial reimbursement to IjPHC's Treasury, unless an alternate is already in place and signed in and then the finances will go to the alternate rider/horse to attend the World Show.

1. The Youth must be an active, paid in full member of the IPHA/IjPHC in good standing.
2. The Youth must have shown in four of the eight weekend shows of Illinois Paint Horse Association of the previous year and show at the first show of the new year.
3. The Youth desiring to be on the Y.T.T. should be an active participating member of the club. When meetings are held at the horse shows, they should make every effort to be in attendance.
4. The Youth must have completed 3 volunteer service hours during the previous year at the approved Illinois Paint Horse Shows. The hours will be logged by the Youth Advisor and signed off on by both the participating Youth and the Advisor. The Youth must make sure they are checking in and out with the Youth Advisor in an effort to keep the records accurate, we will not operate on an honor system. Service hours can be earned at the shows by selling raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets, IPHA merchandise, helping out in the office, posting patterns, helping set up and tear down the trail pattern, etc.
5. The Youth should participate in **ALL** fundraising activities to support the youth club.
6. The selection of the Youth representatives in the Y.T.T. showmanship and riding classes will be determined by the previous year end show results and the first show of the new year. The May Show of the new year is too late because entries are to be postmarked by May 1<sup>st</sup> each year.
7. If a Youth is leading in several classes, that youth may select the one class he/she wishes most to exhibit in. If no one wishes to exhibit in another class that same Youth may have the chance to exhibit in two performance Y.T.T. classes, and / or be alternates #3, and /or #4.
8. In the event that there are no youth showing interest in a given class that exhibited the previous year and fulfilled the fundraising and service hours criteria, special consideration will be given to other IjPHC members in order to fill the IjPHC Y.T.T. team.
9. The Hippology and Knowledge Relay teams will be comprised of those Youth already committed to attending the AjPHA World Show and their siblings that would like to participate. Due to the length and nature of the Hippology and Knowledge Relay 'fun' classes, the club will not seek out Youth to participate, but instead with accept volunteers.
10. And lastly, if an Illinois Youth Team Tournament member can not fulfill his/her obligation, he/she must pay back the youth club for their travel allowance, stall fee, etc.