

IjPHC Youth Team Tournament Selection Criteria

AjPHA Youth Team Tournament eligibility is open to any Illinois Jr Paint Horse Club member with the aspiration to participate in the Youth Team Tournament and represent Team Illinois at the AjPHA World Show. The youth member 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 VERY IMPORTANT!!!** Last minute withdrawal from the team may 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/APHA in good standing.
2. The Youth must have shown to the required amount of judges each year in order to qualify for year-end awards within the 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, they should make every effort to be in attendance.
4. The Youth must have completed at least 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 (Horsemanship, Equitation and Barrels) will be determined by the previous year end show results starting with the top 14-18 exhibitors in each class, then 13 and Under and then the Novice exhibitors. The Walk-Trot selection is made from the top Walk-Trot Western Pleasure exhibitor and the top Walk-Trot HUS exhibitor since their class is optional tack at the World Show.

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 hour criteria, special consideration will be given to other IjPHC members in order to fill the IjPHC Y.T.T. team.

9. The Jeopardy 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 Jeopardy and Knowledge Relay 'fun' classes, the club will not seek out Youth to participate, but instead will utilize those IPHA members already in attendance at the AjPHA World Show.

10. And lastly, if an Illinois Youth Team Tournament member cannot fulfill his/her obligation, he/she must pay back the youth club for their travel allowance, stall fee, etc.

11. Please be aware that when an exhibitor is progressing from the Walk-Trot division to the 13 and Under division they will not be considered for the Y.T.T. their first year of 13 and Under since they will not have any previous 13 and Under show results to assess in order to determine their eligibility for the team.

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