



## Team SAQHA Application Form

**South African Quarter Horse Association will be sending a youth team to the 2020 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup.**

*Held in the Netherlands & Germany 9 – 20 July 2020.*

The American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup is an International youth event of superior horsemanship, leadership, and camaraderie among equine enthusiasts of many nations. The members chosen for Team SAQHA will represent the South African Quarter Horse Association not only in horsemanship but also in international goodwill.

It is important to understand that riders in the American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup will compete on horses donated in the host country and that not all horses will be highly qualified or trained show horses. Teams will draw for horses to be ridden, and every horse drawn by a team must be exhibited by a member of that team. No coach, trainer, or adult will be allowed to ride the horses at any time during the event; all training and preparation of the horses will be done entirely by the youth team members.

For these reasons, the qualifying process to select members of Team SAQHA for the 2020 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup is designed to identify youth who exhibit the following skills:

- able to get the best results from horses of varying abilities and training levels
- experience in showing in a variety of equestrian events, preferably on more than one horse
- a proven record of working cooperatively with peers and displaying leadership qualities in various activities
- demonstrates exemplary standards of behaviour and ethics.

Therefore, it will benefit the applicant to submit results earned on every horse shown, in as many events as possible, during the two-year qualifying period preceding the American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup event, January 2017 – current. It will also be advantageous to present a copy of this memo to the two people writing letters of recommendation so that they may address the points of consideration listed above.

The 2020 Youth World Cup will be held in the Netherlands & we will be traveling to Germany for the reining and cutting portion of the show, and will be held from 9 – 20 July 2020. Team SAQHA will travel together and arrive a couple of days before the event, and stay in the host country to prepare. The members will also be taken to trainers in the in the host country to improve their riding before the competition.

It is also necessary to understand the personal expense that will be involved for each member of Team SAQHA. Each team member will be required to cover his or her own travel expenses to the host country and all expenses relating to excess luggage, all training costs, competition outfits, meals, accommodations and entry fees. (estimated to be able to reach approx. R 150 000) Team SAQHA will attempt to get sponsorship to assist in the costs but riders may also attempt to get sponsorship to assist in covering their own costs.

The 2020 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup will include the events of Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Hunter under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Trail, Ranch Riding, Reining, and Cutting. Two to three members of each Nation's Teams will compete in each event. Team SAQHA will include members experienced in all of the above events. The Selection Committee's responsibility will be to select riders who will complete a balanced team with experienced riders available for every event. Therefore, applicants who have experience in reining and cutting or the English events are encouraged to submit their information even though they might not have experience in any other events.

Team SAQHA Selection Committee will announce one reserve rider in the selection process. A reserve rider will replace a rider only if the committee decision is made before Team SAQHA departs for the host country. If a rider becomes unable to compete or is removed from the Team during the event, Team SAQHA will continue to compete with only four riders.

The following items will be considered in the selection process for Team SAQHA:

- Prepare a three-minute video and put it on an online shared folder, thumb drive or DVD. Introduce yourself and exhibit all aspects of your riding ability. This video will be used by the Team SAQHA coach to evaluate your personality and riding expertise.
- Select two personal references (not members of your family) - one who is familiar with your horsemanship skills, and one who has observed you in a leadership or cooperative position with your peers. These letters are extremely important to the Selection Committee. Any application will be deemed incomplete if there are not two letters included with your application.
- All applicants must be members in good standing with all of the associations to which they belong.
- All applicants must sign the enclosed team member agreement.
- Complete the application in its entirety.
- Team SAQHA has an option to include Leadership members. Outgoing, courteous and friendly applicants for the Leadership positions are an essential part of Team SAQHA. The Youth World Cup organizes several activities throughout the week for the non-riders. As a leader, there are opportunities to spend quality time with all our international competitors. Please be sure and indicate on the application if you would like to be considered for a Rider and/or Leadership position.
- Applicants applying solely as a leadership team member should attach a statement explaining what you hope to gain from the 2020 AQHA Youth World Cup as an educational and enrichment experience and what you believe you can contribute to the team.
- Team SAQHA will be holding regular training camps during school holidays that members will be recommended to attend. The first camp will be mandatory as it will be the final selection for the team.
- All applications will be considered and a team long listed by the SAQHA Team selection committee. Should there not be uniformity in a decision or the applications warrant it a Team SAQHA selection committee member will visit the region in order to assess the applicants.
- Long listed team members will be notified and be required to attend a selection camp where final team selection will take place.
- Final selection for the team will be conducted by the Selection Committee before end December 2019, the team plus one reserve (that will be expected to go if a rider falls out before leaving to the host country) will be announced by the latest end December 2019.
- The Team SAQHA selection committee comprises of the team coaches and manager.

# APPLICATION FORM – TEAM SAQHA 2020 AQHA YOUTH WORLD

## Application deadline: 30 June 2019

Please fill in all areas completely. This information will be used in your selection and in press releases and the official show program, should you be selected to represent South Africa at the 2020 AQHA Youth World Cup. Please enclose a recent photograph. This photo maybe used in press releases and the official show program, if you are selected, so please submit the photo you personally like the best.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: (in years) \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicants must be age-eligible to compete as youth in 2020.)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Contact Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Please consider my application for:

Rider \_\_\_\_\_, Leadership \_\_\_\_\_, Both \_\_\_\_\_

## TEAM MEMBER AGREEMENT:

COMPETITOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

AQHYA NUMBER (if an AQHYA member): \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

If selected as a rider or leader for Team SAQHA, I agree to abide by any and all rules of Team SAQHA, the AQHA, and the American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup. I understand that I will be governed and supervised by the Team SAQHA coach and manager and other chaperones during my participation in the American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup. I understand that I will be asked to sign an agreement to abide by a stringent set of rules of behaviour as a member of Team SAQHA and that my parents will also be asked to agree to support these rules. I understand that failure to comply with these rules of behaviour or the instructions of my coach, manager and chaperones in the interest of my safety and security or the representation of SAQHA and the AQHA could result in disciplinary action and subsequent dismissal from the team and that I will be sent home at my own expense. I understand that I will be responsible for my own travel and visa expenses to and from the host country and that there may be extra baggage fees for my tack. I also understand that my parents and I will be required to sign additional releases as customary for travel and equine competition. I will also be responsible for all show and team outfits, training expenses, accommodations, meals and entry fees. I agree to attend all recommended training camps etc to improve my riding.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Competitor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*\* To\*\* To be returned to teamsaqha2020@gmail.com, with two letters of recommendation, by or before the 30 June 2019 \*\*

## Appendix A

### EXPERIENCE:

<i>** please mark if you have competed at any of these disciplines and if so at what level **</i> <b>CLASS</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>RECREATIONAL</b>	<b>COMPETITIVE</b>
Showmanship at halter			
Western Pleasure			
Horsemanship			
Trail			
Ranch Riding			
Hunter Under Saddle			
Hunt Seat Equitation			
Reining			
Cutting			
Western Riding			
Other English Riding Events			

### Training:

If you have attended clinics in any of the above classes since January 2017, list the classes and the instructor / clinician that you have received the training from and the date of the training i.e. Ed Harrison Reining Clinic, January 2017:

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If you receive regular instruction in any discipline, please list the discipline and the name of the trainer (please include English instruction)

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On an additional sheet, please list organizations of which you are a member, church or school extra-curricular activities, and community involvement. List offices held, awards received, committees on which served, and projects in which involved.

I agree that all the information I have given in this is correct and truthful.

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Competitor signature

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Date

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Parent/ Guardian Signature

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Date

## Appendix B

### Letter of Recommendation

#### 2020 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup Re: Horsemanship Skills

This letter of recommendation is requested on behalf of an individual applying for Team SAQHA to the 2020 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup that will be held in Germany/Netherlands. The individuals selected for Team SAQHA must be proficient in riding horses of varying ability and training levels and must exhibit in two to five events. No professional trainers, coaches or adults will be allowed to ride the horses (donated by the host country) during the entire week of the event. Team SAQHA will represent South Africa, the South African Quarter Horse Association and the American Quarter Horse Association not only in exemplary horsemanship skills but also in teamwork, personal behavior and international goodwill.

Your comments will be taken very seriously and will be an important part of our selection process. Thank you for your assistance.

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Recommending whom \_\_\_\_\_

Capacity in which you know applicant

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please include this form with your letter, addressed to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. The applicant will then forward it with their application package, which he/she is required to submit by 30 June 2019.

## Appendix C

### Letter of Recommendation

#### 2020 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup Re: Leadership, Standards of Behavior, and Interaction with Peers

This letter of recommendation is requested on behalf of an individual applying for Team SAQHA to the 2020 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup, which will be held in Germany/Netherlands. The individuals selected for the team will represent South Africa, the South African Quarter Horse Association and the American Quarter Horse Association not only in exemplary horsemanship skills but also in teamwork, personal behavior, and international goodwill. Because Team SAQHA will interact with youth from approximately fifteen other nations, exemplary standards of behavior plus a proven record of leadership and positive, productive cooperation with peers in school, community, and equine associations will benefit the applicant in being chosen.

Your comments will be taken very seriously and will be an important part of our selection process. Thank you for your assistance.

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Recommending whom \_\_\_\_\_

Capacity in which you know applicant  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2020 Youth World Cup

### Team South Africa Application Package Checklist

#### Have you included?

- Basic application form
- Video of rider with horse(s) (for those applying as riders/alternate riders only)
- Recent photograph (for all applicants) included or emailed to Team Manager
- Additional essay (for those applying as leadership members only)
- Additional sheet listing volunteer/community involvement activities
- Experience record – Appendix A
- Letter of Recommendation from your riding coach/trainer – Appendix B (for competing/alternate rider applicants only)
- Letter of Recommendation on leadership, standards and behaviour – Appendix C (All applicants)
- Signed Team Member Agreement

Application forms can be emailed to [teamsaqha2020@gmail.com](mailto:teamsaqha2020@gmail.com), kindly keep the original sealed envelope as this will need to be submitted.

Please submit your original application form, all supporting documents, show records, letters of recommendation, photos in a binder or report cover and include your DVD or video by the deadline of 30 June 2019 to the team manager via:

Post	Courier (Preferred)	
Unit 2, Tobago Keys 5 Pheasant road Atlasville Boksburg 1459	Postnet El Ridge	Hand delivered applications will also be accepted.

For any questions regarding the application process the team manager may be contacted via email at [teamsaqha2020@gmail.com](mailto:teamsaqha2020@gmail.com) or by phone/WhatsApp 072 992 7347. (after hours)