

National Youth Activity Team Tournament Information

What are these crazy initials - NYATT? NYATT stands for National Youth Activity Team Tournament. NYATT is a tournament for state and regional Quarter Horse youth teams to participate at the Congress in friendly competition. NYATT events at the Congress are not AQHA-approved. More than 650 Quarter Horse youth members from all over the U.S. and Canada work hard to represent their association at the NYATT Competition. Nearly 100 teams will have two members competing in Showmanship, Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Reining and Barrel Racing.

Associations must have at least four youth members who are 18 years of age and younger (as of January 1) to form a NYATT Team. Only contestants that are sponsored by an association affiliated with AQHA and/or recognized by the NYATT committee, are eligible to show in NYATT events.

The top ten places in each NYATT event will receive awards and team points. First place receives ten points, second nine points, and so on. The top six overall teams will receive NYATT tournament trophies. The winners of each class receive awards, and the top ten youth in each event receive medallions. Team Ties are broken according to three tie-breaker rules:

- 1) the team placing in the largest number of events
- 2) the team with the highest number of class wins, seconds, etc., and
- 3) the fastest time between the tied teams in the NYATT barrel racing.

2012 NWFQHA NYATT Bi-Laws

- MUST be a current NWFQHA member for association points to count towards qualifying for NYATT Team
- MUST show to at least 3 judges (one weekend) at a NWFQHA show to qualify for the 2012 NYATT Team. 2012 Shows counted will be 30 March – 1 April, 18-20 May and 29 June – 1 July.
- MUST participate in youth fund raisers in order to qualify for any money that will be given to the NYATT Team members and alternates. Funds raised for youth will be split equally between each youth joining the NYATT Team. Not all youth funds will be disbursed to the Youth Team (Will leave reserves in account for other youth causes). NYATT class entries will be paid using the youth funds prior to dividing amongst the NYATT Team youth.
- MUST live within 150 miles of the Florida State line to qualify for the NWFQHA NYATT Team
- Top two youth for NWFQHA in Youth Showmanship, Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, Reining, Hunter Under Saddle and Barrels will represent the NWFQHA NYATT Team unless one of those youth are unable to attend in which the next youth will be asked to participate. An alternate will be chosen for each NYATT class.
- A youth/horse combination will be limited to complete in a maximum of two NYATT Classes.

Youth wishing to compete should contact either Heather Yearty at 309-696-4422 (heatherhappel@yahoo.com) or Leah Marshall at 850-758-8934 (e2003ch@cox.net) . Feel free to contact either of the above if you have any questions or would like additional information.