



New Zealand Miniature Horse Association Inc.

Qualifying Criteria and Selection Process – International Youth Team Competition

New Zealand Miniature Horse Association Inc. reviews annually, opportunities to promote and develop youth members, through hosting or supporting team competitions held nationally and internationally.

Each year, from the elected Council, a Youth Team Co-ordinator is confirmed, along with a Youth Team committee. The objectives of this committee are:

- To promote interests, events and activities to attract and benefit youth members
- To promote good national and international relations
- Manage the youth team policy and associated procedures
- Responsible for all communications regarding the youth team/s
- Manage, chaperone and support youth teams selected for the season Design / develop youth competitions and courses for relevant events
- Provide feedback and recommendations to Council, should updates or amendments to the Youth Team Policy be required

Qualifying Criteria

Youth members wishing to be considered for the International Youth Team competition must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Be between the ages of 7 – 17 years as at 1 April 2024 – any youth 12 and under as 1st of August of the show season must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian travelling at *their own expense* – the age selection will be based on the hosting organisation.
- Have shown miniature horses for a minimum of 2 show seasons in the last 5 years
- Be a financial member of NZMHA Inc as at the beginning of the show season (ie. Any youth joining part way through a season may apply for the International Youth Team competition in the next season if they still meet all other qualifying criteria. They may still participate in any National Youth Team competitions)
- Competing at an NZMHA National Show in the previous two seasons may be taken into consideration when selecting the team.
- Must attend at least one NZMHA Inc Showcase Shows in the season of application
- Youth members wishing to be considered must complete the International Youth Team Application Form and return it to the Youth Team Co-ordinator on or prior to (date to be confirmed each year)
- All applicants will be required to commit to fundraising activities, to contribute towards associated costs for themselves and other team members

Selection Process

- The Youth Team Committee will present their recommendations to the NZMHA Council, who will discuss and agree team participants. If required, standard Council voting procedures will be used to determine the final team members.
- The Youth Team Committee will be responsible for advising all Youth Team applicants of the outcome of their application. This is to be done via letter or phone call to the Parent / Guardian of the youth applicant (timeframe to be confirmed each year).