

# 2008 EQH/NC Congress Youth Qualifying Rules

1. Youth must show in Youth Team Qualifying (YTQ) classes.
2. Youth Team Qualifying (YTQ) will be held on Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday at the following shows:  
Easter Bunny Circuit, Raleigh, April 18-20. (**Sat, Sun**)  
District V, Willamston, May 9-11. (**Sat and Sun**)  
Youth Show, Lake Waccamaw, July 25-27. (**Fri, Sat, and Sun**)
3. Youth **MUST** show two days at the Easter Bunny and all three days at the Youth Show. NOTE: These two shows are **mandatory!**
4. The classes for the Congress Youth Team are Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Horsemanship, Showmanship, Reining, and Barrels.
5. The top two youth from each of these classes with the most points will be eligible for the Congress Team. Points are compiled on a one horse/ one rider basis per AQHA rules. A youth will only be chosen for one class with one horse.
6. If a youth qualifies in more than one class with more than one horse, rule 6 also applies.
7. Youth or parent **MUST** help work at all EQH/NC sponsored shows. These shows include the Easter Bunny, Youth Show, and the Turkey Circuit. It is **mandatory** that the parents or youth work at the Youth Show.
8. Youth **MUST** participate in **ALL** fundraisers.
9. Youth must obtain a sponsorship in the amount of **\$200**. If there are more than one youth from the same family, each youth will be required to obtain a sponsorship in the amount of \$200. Sponsorship money and other Congress entries and monies are due no later than 8/18/08, if not received by the this date, you will not be able to attend as part of the team.
10. If you have entered a Youth Team Qualifying class a letter of intent will be mailed out by 7/1/08 and should be returned to the Youth Director by 7/27/07. This letter provides EQH/NC confirmation that you intend to participate on the EQH/NC Congress Youth Team in October in Ohio and specifies which class a youth prefers to represent the team in.
11. Congress Team Members will be selected at the August BOD meeting held on 8/5/08.
12. Applications for Photographer and Mascot must be turned into the Youth Director by 7/31/08. All photographer portfolios must be turned into the Youth Director by 8/5/08. The Congress Team Photographer will be judged on photos taken at all EQH/NC shows and fundraisers and will be judged on creativity, appearance and participation in activities. The Mascot will be chosen on his/her help at the EQH/NC shows. The Photographer and Mascot will be selected by the Board of Directors on 8/5/08 and will be notified by 8/12/08.
13. If you any reason a youth cannot fulfill all requirements listed above, a letter must be sent to the Youth Director by 7/31/08 to take forth to the Board of Directors for consideration. The Board of Directors will make the final decision.
14. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated. If any complaints are made on a youth, it will be taken to the Board of Directors for further review.
15. All rules above with the exception of Youth Team Qualifying classes also apply for youth who wish to participate as Team Mascot and Photographer and must adhere to the additional rules in 17 or 18.
16. Congress Team Photographer Rules:
  - a. The age limit is 11-18.
  - b. Photos must be taken at all Youth Qualifying shows and/or youth activities.
  - c. Must submit a photo portfolio to the Youth Director by 8/5/08.
  - d. The portfolios will be presented to the Board of Directors for a final selection.
  - e. Photographer will help the Mascot with duties.
17. Congress Tam Mascot Rules:
  - a. The age limit is 10 and under.
  - b. Must be able to help with the following activities at Congress: Water horses, sweep isle, and general team duties.
20. All Congress Team members with horses participating in NYATT events will receive \$25 for shavings or shavings and the same stall money that the majority of the team receives, unless they chose to stall in the tents. For example, if the majority of the team members are assigned stalls in the Swine Barn at the \$200 rate, then the most each member will receive for stalls will be \$200. If members do not stall with the team and stall in the tent, then the team will pay the tent rate of \$100. If a team member decides to stall in the Voinovich Barn where stalls are \$300, then the maximum they will receive is \$200.