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AMHA YOUTH TEAMS PROGRAM

A points accumulation competition

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The AMHA Youth Team program is an annual competition designed to facilitate teamwork throughout barns and horse friends, while helping to educate and familiarize youth with the Morgan horse. The Program is based on an accumulation of points within your "team" throughout the competition year. It recognizes Morgan youth at all levels of horsemanship. Points will be earned performing many different tasks relating to the Morgan horse from all aspects, from home at the barn, to horse shows, to their commitment to AMHA youth programs such as contests and the council.

"Teams" must be registered within the first three months of competition year with AMHA to be eligible to compete.

The Competition year is January 1st through December 31st. All point sheets should be turned in quarterlywith deadlines to be given in the yearly Welcome packets. All points must be verified by an adult"team" leader.

There will be three different "team" categories for competition.
• 2–10 members—small team
• 11–20 members—medium
• 20 and over—large

The team in each category to accumulate the most points will be recognized with awards sent to them, as well as recognition on the AMHA website, Facebook page and the Global. There will be a separate award that goes to the one highest point scoring individual throughout the categories.

There will be 2 types of point sheets, individual and team. They will include a certain number of points for different tasks, from grooming your horse to showing, to activities done as a team such as scrapbook making, charity work, etc. The goal of the team program is to work together in horsemanship education and get rewarded for your hard work as a team, and for what each individual brings to the table.

Team meetings must be held at least monthly (to the team discretion) and you must have an adult team leader. Individuals can fill out their point sheets, and then get them signed off at meetings by the leader. There will also be a team point sheet of the activities that can be done together as a team for points. At the end of each quarter, the points from both sheets can be added and turned into AMHA.

GUIDELINES & HELPFUL HINTS FOR YOUR TEAMS

Thank you for becoming part of the AMHA Team Program! As you begin your new adventure into this great program, please take a moment to review some tips and tricks to making your Team the best they can be!!

A few things to remember first:
- There Must be a Team leader for each team. This person must be over 18 years of age and be willing to keep track of all individual point sheets as well as track team points. They must be willing to run Team meetings and help organize events.
- All team members and leaders must be AMHA Members
- There is a $30 fee for registration with each team. This is a yearly fee to be turned in with your yearly application forms. This money goes toward the end of year Team awards.
- Have fun with it! Come up with new ideas and get to know your team. Have other barns join and everyone can work together!
- If you have any questions regarding what can count as points, any questions about the program, or would like to submit new point accumulation ideas feel free to contact Nikki at any time at nicole@morganhorse.com or (859) 287-2470 ext. 404. New ideas will be reviewed and if approved added to the following years points log.

Scoring: At each meeting, your team members will turn in their points log and proof tasks if required. At the end of each quarter, please send all your teams points log pages, along with your team points log and proof of tasks that you have tracked to:
AMHA
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Or e-mail them to nicole@morganhorse.com

AMHA will then total your individual team member points AND your team points into one team sum. We will then post the nationwide results quarterly so you can track your progress.

Meetings: We recommend your team meets at least once a month. In these meetings, they can turn in their individual point sheets and get briefed on upcoming events. Make these meetings useful too! Help them with the horsemanship badge work, work on scrapbooks, or autobiographies. Remember everything you do in the team counts for points too!

Things for Fun: The team should also make plans to get together for other great activities beyond the scheduled meetings. Visit an open barn, hold a charity event, ride in a parade, or even just host a cookout. These all count as a meeting, which count as points!

Charity/Fundraising: Here are some great ideas for charity work, but they are certainly not limited to these! We strongly suggest you have the team come up with new great ideas for charity/ fundraising events!

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- Volunteer to work at a therapeutic riding program. You can mend fences, clean stalls, paint the barn, clean tack or, of course, work with the lesson program.
- Spearhead a collection of donated funds, feed, and equipment for a therapeutic riding program or horse rescue organization.
- Organize a program to teach local rescue workers how to safely work with horses during emergency situations such as fires, floods, and trailer accidents.
- Hold a can drive at your next horse show or trail ride and donate the proceeds to a favorite charity.
- Hold a horse wash or trailer wash at your next horse show or trail ride and donate proceeds to a favorite charity.
- Contact a local riding club or state horse council and volunteer to clear trails or paint fences. Host a Ride-A-Thon to raise funds for local charities.
- Organize a toy or food drive for needy families.
- Host an open house for local children. o Volunteer at a local nursing home. o Volunteer at a local soup kitchen or food pantry.
- Volunteer with Meals on Wheels, maybe you can even deliver meals on horseback!

Scrapbook: This should be an ongoing project at Team meetings to get together the information on your team and track their progress and adventures throughout the year. You can then turn your scrapbook into AMHA and it may displayed at the Grand Nationals. (You will be responsible for getting your scrapbook to the Grand Nationals and taking it home.) You will earn points for submitting the scrapbook, and then letting everyone get to see your adventures!

Quarterly Deadlines
The quarter dates for point turn in will be as follows:
- 1st Quarter–March 31st
- 2nd Quarter–June 30th
- 3rd Quarter– September 30th
- 4th-Quarter–December 31st

All points logs must be signed off by team leader and must turn in proof of points where indicated.

All awards will be based on the final count of points accumulated after January 1st. We will announce the winners on social media pages, and the AMHA newsletter, as well as the website. You will receive the awards in the mail and can have your own celebrations with your team!

We hope you all have an amazing year and we are looking forward to seeing your adventures!

Good Luck!!

INDIVIDUAL POINTS ACCUMULATION

Points can be accumulated in the following areas Individually. Please fill in the point log individually and get it signed off by your team leader. Your team leader will them send your points into AMHA to be tallied along with your team points. (Points are accumulative, i.e. if you are on the youth council as president you would receive 45 points because you count as three point structures.)

Youth Council
• Serve as Member of Youth Council – *10 points*
• Serve as Elected Official on Youth Council – *15 points*
• Serve as President of Youth Council – *20 points*
• Volunteer time at Grand Nationals for Youth Council events – *15 points*
• Work on subcommittee in youth council on specified project – *10 points*

AMHA Horsemastership Program
• Completion of Figure badge – *5 points*
• Completion of Bulrush badge – *10 points*
• Completion of Woodbury badge – *15 points*
• Completion of Sherman badge – *20 points*
• Completion of Black Hawk badge – *30 points*
• Completion of Justin Morgan badge – *50 points*

Youth of the Year Contest Participation
• Participate in local Youth of the Year Contest – *10 points (each contest)*
• Place top three in local Youth of the Year Contest – *10 points*
• Place first in any division/phase of the Youth of the Year Contests – *10 points*
• Win Local Youth of the Year Contest (any division) – *15 points*
• Participate in Junior Invitational at the grand Nationals – *10 points*
• Compete in the Grand National Youth Contest – *15 points*
• Place first in any division/phase in Grand National Youth of the year Contest – *20 points*
• Win any individual special award at the Grand National Youth Contest – *20 points*
• Place top 6 in Grand National Youth Contest – *20 points*
• Win Reserve Youth of the year at Grand National Youth Contest – *30 points*
• Win Grand National Youth of the Year – *50 points*
• Volunteer to help with production of Youth contest at any horse show – *20 points*
• Volunteer your registered Morgan horse for the judging contest at horse show – *20 points*
• Volunteer your registered Morgan horse for the Grand National Judging contest – *25 points*
• Attend and support at the Youth Gala at Grand Nationals – *5 points*
• Compete in the Grand National Judging contest – *5 points*

INDIVIDUAL POINTS ACCUMULATION

Horse Shows

(there is no limit to how many you attend and count toward your points)

- Show a horse in any class at any horse show – *5 points*
- Place top 6 at in a class at any horse show – *5 points*
- Win any class at any horse show – *10 points*
- Show at any Morgan Regional show – *10 points*
- Place top 6 in any class at a Morgan Regional Show – *10 points*
- Win any class at a Morgan Regional Show – 15 points Show in any class at the Grand National Morgan Horse Show – *15 points*
- Place top 6 in any class at the Grand National Morgan Horse Show – *20 points*
- Win any class at the Grand National Morgan Horse Show – *30 points*
- Work as Groom for barn at horse show (entire length of show, trainer signature required) – *15 points*
- Work as Groom for barn at Grand National horse show (At least 5 full days, trainer signature required) – *20 points*
- Help promote AMHA youth programs at any local show (with booth, seminar, etc. Must be approved by horse show and AMHA prior) – *50 points*
- Volunteer to assist with youth program activities at the Grand National – *25 points*

Medal Program

- Show in any local silver medal class – *10 points*
- Place top 6 in any local Silver Medal Class – *10 points*
- Win a Silver medal in any seat – *20 points*
- Show in any Gold Medal Class at the Grand Nationals – *20 points*
- Place top 6 in any Gold Medal Class at the Grand National – *25 points*
- Win a Gold Medal in any Seat at the Grand Nationals – *50 points*
- Attend the "Medal Mixer" at the Grand Nationals – *15 points*
- Volunteer to help AMHA with medal program activities at the Grand Nationals – *10 points*

Team Participation

- Attend a team meeting – *5 points*
- Volunteer to assist at team meeting – *5 points*
- Attend a team Social Function – *10 points*

Around the Barn

(there are no limits to these points)

- Take a 30 minute riding lesson – *5 points*
- Take a 60 minute riding lesson – *10 points*
- Groom a horse for at least 30 min – *5 points*
- Attend a 1 day horse camp – *5 points*

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- Attend a 3 day horse camp – *10 points*
- Attend a 5 day horse camp – *25 points*
- Volunteer to help with barn chores for one day (at least 6 hours) – *10 points*
- Be a Horse camp counselor for 1 day – *10 points (per day)*
- Walk/help with beginner lesson – *5 points (per lesson)*
- Give a horse a bath – *5 points*
- Clip a horse – *5 points*
- Ride on a trail ride (at least 20 minutes) – *10 points*
- Help pack a traps trailer for horse show – *10 points*
- Muck out a horse trailer – *5 points*
- Muck out at least 20 stalls – *20 points*
- Tack and untack horses for lesson day (at least 3 hours) – *10 points*
- Ride in parade – *35 points*

Club Affiliations
- Member of AMHA – *10 points*
- Member of 4-H club – *10 points*
- Member of FFA – *10 points*
- Member of Youth of another breed – *10 points*

Community Service
(proof of service must be provided)
- One hour of community service at non-horse based affiliation – *25 points (each hours)*
- Assist with donation drive of a non-horse based affiliation – *25 points (each hours)*
- Organize Community service event or donation drive – *60 points*

Morgan Promotion in Your School
(proof of project/report must be provided)
- Write a report involving the Morgan horse for your school – *20 points*
- Give an oral report involving the Morgan horse for you school – *30 points*
- Use a Morgan as the object of photography or art project – *20 points*

UPHA Ribbons of Service Program
- Participate in the ribbons of service program – *5 points (each hours)*
- Achieve Bronze level – *10 points*
- Achieve Silver level – *20 points*
- Achieve Gold Medal – *30 points*
- Achieve Platinum Level – *50 points*
- Win a Scholarship – *40 points*

TEAMS POINTS ACCUMULATION

Points will be accumulated throughout the quarter as a team, then recorded on the team points log. The team leader must sign off on all points and the turn into AMHA at the end of the quarter. Quarter deadline dates are listed in the Guidelines.

Teams must complete at least one task in each category!

General Team Meetings
(Virtual Team Meetings will be included)
• Work on Horsemanship badges – *10 points*
• Go to the barn as team and work on specified project – *10 points*
• Create community project – *25 points*

Community Service
• Volunteer as team to work somewhere for day (barn mending fences, therapeutic riding, etc.) – *25 points*
• Hold a horse wash at local barn to raise money for charity – *30 points*
• Volunteer at organization (meals on wheels, nursing home, etc.) – *30 points per day*
• Organize a food drive – *25 points*
• Create your own community service plan and follow through – *100 points*

Breed Promotion
• Organize youth contest – *50 points*
• Organize booth at any equine convention – *50 points*
• Organize booth at any non-equine convention – *75 points*
• Organize promotional booth at horse show – *30 points*
• Host a clinic or demonstration about the Morgan horse – *100 points*
• Organize a horse show – *150 points*

Team Promotion
• Record your team history and creation and turn into AMHA – *25 Points*
• Submit an autobiography of all members of your team – *10 points per autobiography*
• Create a slideshow/album of photos of all of the team events – *50 points*
• Create an educational display of a topic related to the Morgan horse (may be displayed at the Grand National at on social media for Morgan Youth, you will be responsible for getting scrapbook to Grand National and taking it home) – *150 points*
• Create a scrapbook of the past year of your teams activities. Include photos, stories, and anything else you can think of to get your story to pop (to be displayed in OKC) – *200 points*

AMHA TEAMS APPLICATION

Team Name & Contact Information

Team Name: _____

Team Leader: _____

Team Leader E-mail: _____

Team Leader Facebook Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ Team Leader AMHA #: _____

Number of Team Members: _____

Fees & List of Members

Please enclose an application fee of $30. Checks can be made to AMHA.
Please attach a list (available on the following pages) of the names, ages, address,
and AMHA membership number of all team members.

Please send application, list of members and application fee to

AMHA, Attn: Nikki Scovotti, 4037 Iron Works Pkwy, Ste 130, Lexington, KY 40511-8508
Any questions, please contact Nikki at nicole@morganhorse.com or (859) 287-2470

TEAM MEMBERS

NAME	AGE	EMAIL	AMHA #

INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER POINT LOG

Please hand in this completed log to your Team Leader at each meeting.

MEMBER NAME: _____ **TEAM NAME:** _____

DATE	TASK	TEAM LEADER INITIALS	POINTS

TOTAL POINTS (Please add from points column above): _____

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TEAM POINT LOG

Please turn this completed sheet, along with all Individual logs from your members, into AMHA at each quarterly deadline.

TEAM LEADER: _____   **TEAM NAME:** _____

DATE	TASK	TEAM LEADER INITIALS	POINTS

TOTAL POINTS (Please add from points column above): _____