

American Quarter Horse Association – United Kingdom (AQHA-UK) YOUTH WORLD CUP (2020) SQUAD MANAGER

Role Description:

The Youth World Cup Squad Manager is responsible for bringing together a team of youth riders to represent AQHA-UK at the Youth World Cup to be held in 2020.

They will be responsible for the squad selection process and all training and development activities to ensure that riders are prepared to the best of their ability in readiness for the event.

The Squad Manager will be responsible for arranging a published schedule of training events commencing in 2019 and up until the YWC 2020. This will include organising venue hire, additional coaches as required, squad accommodation and catering where appropriate. They will be responsible for the development of any procedures to ensure appropriate behaviour, good attendance and commitment by the youth riders and their parents. They are expected to attend the majority of training and must attend the 2019 Breed Show where there will be Youth Selection Classes. They must also attend the final team selection weekend later in 2019. The appointed YWC Squad Coach will select the YWC 2020 team after the selection weekend.

The Youth World Cup Squad Manager role is a non-council role and they report to the Youth Director. Any person serving as Youth World Cup Squad Manager must be a current member of AQHA-UK. It should be noted that the role is entirely voluntary, is for a two-year period terminating at the end of the 2020 Breed Show. Expenses essential to the role can be claimed which will include travel to and accommodation costs at the YWC 2020. The ability to travel to the YWC 2020 with the squad is essential.

If the Squad Manager undertakes any of the squad and team coaching, they must provide to Council details of their insurance cover and safeguarding/child protection clearance and training. They will be able to charge a daily fee of no more than £250 for coaching but this must be agreed with Council in advance. Applicants must possess a relevant teaching/training qualification and an AQHA show record.

Role Responsibilities:

- 1 Develop and plan to advertise and recruit a YWC squad as soon as practically possible during 2019.
- 2 Provide a training and development schedule which will be published at the start of 2019 including an introduction day early in 2019.
- 3 Overseeing the implementation and undertaking the training where possible.
- 4 Identify possible Squad Coaches and support the appointment process with the Youth Director and Councils approval.
- 5 Assist the appointed YWC Squad Coach when they are in the UK and continue with the training that they provide.
- 6 Motivate the squad at every stage of the program and provide mentoring and feedback as required.
- 7 Meet with parents as appropriate, clarify their roles and responsibilities in conjunction with the program including the financial commitment required. Providing follow up correspondence and provide periodic updates to parents as a group and individually.
- 8 Appraise the Squad Coach of the progress of individual riders and make necessary arrangements for the Coach when they are to attend events in the UK.
- 9 To be aware of and adhere to AQHA-UK policies and procedure.