

## AHYA CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of AHYA, I pledge myself to:

1. Maintain the highest standard of personal conduct.
2. Promote and encourage the highest level of ethics within the equine industry and follow the AHYA Code of Ethics and Sportsmanship.
3. Maintain loyalty to AHYA and pursue its objectives in ways that are consistent with the public interest.
4. Uphold all rules and regulations relating to AHYA policies, activities, committees, commissions and boards.
5. When in attendance at AHYA meetings, AHA events, or function where I represent AHYA or AHA, I promise to abstain from alcohol, tobacco and all illegal substances.
6. Communicate with AHYA and AHA both internally and externally in a truthful and accurate manner.
7. Refrain from any type of negative communication or misrepresentation of AHYA or AHA including internet websites, chatrooms, written or verbal communication and emails.
8. Support and represent any majority vote of the AHYA board whether I agree with the vote or not.
9. Cooperate in every reasonable and appropriate manner with other equine associations for the advancement and perpetuation of the equine industry.
10. Use every opportunity to improve the knowledge and public understanding of the purpose and role of AHYA in the equine industry.
11. As a board member of AHYA I pledge to attend a minimum of two out of our three meetings per year as well as the Annual AHYA Convention in conjunction with Youth Nationals.
12. As a board member, I promise to be active on at least one committee.

*I understand that failure to comply with any one of these regulations may result in disciplinary action or expulsion from the AHYA board. I understand that the AHA Youth Programs Coordinator, an AHA Senior Director, the AHA Youth Committee Chair, or any member of the AHA Youth Committee has the right to execute said discipline without notice and without question. This discipline may include sending me home from an AHYA or AHA event at my own expense.*

*I have discussed these rules with my parents/guardians who understand my commitment. If I am under the age of 18, a parent/guardian will also sign this form.*

AHYA Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

AHYA Parent Signature (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_