



Welcome to the Foundation Quarter Horse Registry-Michigan Affiliate! This packet contains loads of helpful information and forms to get you started with the FQHR on both a National and local (Michigan) level.

We can't wait to see you at our shows!

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The Foundation Quarter Horse Registry

"The First and Original" Foundation Quarter Horse Registry Est. 1994

Mission

The purpose of the Foundation Quarter Horse Registry is to preserve, protect, and perpetuate the working cow horse bloodlines of the Foundation Quarter Horse by the individuals that the FQHR deems as Foundation bred. The Registry is based on blood. The American Quarter Horse Association was organized in 1940 with similar intent. Therefore, the Foundations Quarter Horse Registry recognizes those horses listed in the first five studbooks (first 27,000 horses registered) as Foundation bred.

Most individuals carrying 75% Foundation blood are eligible for registration. The fourth generation is critical (great grand sires and great grand dams), of that generation 75% should descend from or run to Foundation blood. No registered Thoroughbred may be closer than the fourth generation. Those families known to carry H.Y.P.P. are not eligible for registration regardless of generation or testing.

It is the aim of the Registry to keep regulation simple and easy. Government will be kept to a minimum, fees will be reasonable. Keeping and preserving bloodlines is, and will continue to our goal; not to overload with regulations and requirements.

Affiliate Overview

It's about competing, having fun, and getting awards with wonderful foundation bred horses.

You'll find us all having a good time around the show pens. And when we're in the ring we do our personal best. We're not showing for the money - there are no paybacks or big purses waiting for us at the end of our run. We're happy enough to celebrate the best cow horse to look through a bridle, take our ribbon when we can win one, and hope we're doing well enough throughout the season to win some nice prizes at our annual awards banquet. Come out and give it a try. Who knows you might be looking good sporting a new buckle at the end of the season.

Frequently Asked Questions

My horse "looks" Foundation. Can I show her? How about my other AQHA-registered horse, can I bring her to the shows, too? What about my dog?

All of our shows are FQHR-approved, and our affiliate limits those shows to FQHR-registered horses only, both in the arena and on the grounds. We wish to promote our breed and thus ask that you leave your non-FQHR horses at home.

To determine if your horse can be registered with the FQHR, there are a few things you can do before sending in paperwork to the home office in Vicksburg, MI. First, pull 7 generations for their pedigree. (Records available from AQHA) Any HYPP-carrying families will be denied, as well as any horse having Thoroughbred blood in the first 3 generations. Next, check your horses' white markings (sheet included in packet). If your horse seems to fit in these guidelines, send in appropriate registration paperwork to the Home Office (forms included in the packet). If you cannot or do not wish to obtain the 7-generation pedigree research, there is a \$15 fee for this, and is noted on the registration paperwork.

Dogs are welcome, but they must be leashed at all times and you MUST clean up after them. Remember that horse shows are long, busy weekends and folks like their sleep, too. A dog that keeps your neighbors in surrounding trailers up all night is probably a dog happier when left at home.

Do I have to be a FQHR member to show my FQHR horse?

For any adult exhibitor to show at our shows, you MUST be a National Member. (form included in this packet). National members are good for a rolling year (365 days). Michigan memberships are good for a calendar year (expire at the end of December, and included in this packet). You do NOT need to purchase a Michigan Membership to show at our shows. However, you will not earn local points toward the year-end banquet, and a non-member fee will apply per show. Your Michigan membership supports our club, allows you to rack up local points for year-end awards and gets you a reduced meal fee for banquet for those listed on your membership.

Youth Exhibitors do NOT need a Michigan Membership to show at our shows, for the same reasons as above. However, MI Youth memberships are only \$10! They also do not NEED to have a National membership to show. A youth may exhibit any FQHR registered horse owned by a current FQHR member in the youth division without a National membership but no national points will be earned. A youth holding a YOUTH membership may show an immediate family member's or their own FQHR horse in the youth division and earn National points. A youth may only show in the Open division with an Individual membership (not a youth membership). They can show any FQHR registered horse whose owner is a current member in the Open division. A youth wanting to show in Amateur must hold an Individual membership AND obtain an Amateur Card (see below) and meet the requirements of the Amateur Division in order to show in the Amateur Division

ALL exhibitors must fill out a Michigan membership form to participate in our shows for liability purposes. If under the age of 18 as of January 1, of the current year, their parent/legal guardian MUST SIGN the bottom of the form!! If you do not wish to purchase a membership, simply note it on the form. ALL FORMS MUST BE SIGNED!! ALL memberships can be purchased/renewed at our shows or mailed to the appropriate locations.

I see Junior and Senior Youth classes on the showbill. What is the difference?

Youth ages are determined as of January 1st of the current year. Junior Youth is for ages 13 and under, Senior Youth is for 14-18. See the rule book for further guidelines and restrictions on Youth Activities.

I see classes for 3-5 year olds. Can I enter other classes not specified for 3-5 with my 3-5 year old?

*Yes and no. A 3-5 year old FQHR registered horse owned by a current FQHR member may be shown in the 3-5 Year Old Program. They may compete in the Open 3-5 and/or the Amateur 3-5 Division (as applicable to horse/rider). If at **any** time they compete with that same horse in an Open, Amateur or Youth class **outside** of the 3-5 Year Old Division/Program, they are **no longer eligible** for the 3-5 Year Old Program and must continue to show in the Open, Amateur and Youth divisions (as applicable).*

What defines an Amateur or Novice? Does the Open division apply to all breeds?

As stated above, our FQHR shows are open only to FQHR horses. The term "open" refers to a division where any FQHR member may ride another FQHR horse, regardless of status as a trainer, remuneration for training/winnings or experience.

An Amateur is defined as someone who has not shown, judged, trained, or assisted in training a horse for remuneration, either directly or indirectly, nor received compensation for instructing another person in riding, training, or showing a horse in competition for 5 previous years. Any approved horse show judge is ineligible. Amateur classes are open to Youth and Adult members who meet these criteria and have appropriate individual and amateur cards (application included in this packet).

In addition to the Amateur definition, the following also applies to the definition of Novice; the RIDER may not have won \$250.00 lifetime earnings in any event, may not have a combined 10 or more points in recognized associations in any event prior to January 1 of the current year. Michigan does not offer Novice classes at this time.

As with Amateur cards, an application must be submitted with fees for either card and presented at each show. For both Amateur AND Novice, FQHR horses shown MUST be owned by the Amateur/Novice, an immediate family member or legal guardian, or a business that is owned by the Amateur/Novice or their immediate family. Ownership is referenced by the name listed on the FQHR registration certificate.

I don't have a FQHR horse, but I really want to show with you. What are my options?

We would love to have you show with us! If you have an immediate family member/legal guardian that owns a FQHR horse, you may show that horse in the Open, Amateur or Youth divisions. (If you are a Youth, you can show anyone's horse) If you are looking to lease a FQHR horse, you can fill out the Lease form (included in this packet) and send it in. This MUST be approved before a show! If you are looking to purchase a FQHR horse, there are many breeders to talk with at the shows that have some FQHR horses available for all levels of experience. Check in at the show office and we'll point you in the right direction. The Facebook pages listed on the front also host a handful of FQHR horses for sale.

If owning or leasing isn't the right fit for you right now, but still want to get involved, we can help with that! Volunteers are VERY much appreciated and needed for our shows to run smoothly over the weekend. Helping will help give you a "inside look" at how our shows are run and what to expect with each class. You'll learn a ton just by watching and getting involved where you can, plus you'll still be able to meet a ton of great people. Stop by the show office and let us know you're available; we promise to take you up on it!

Do I need any special attire or tack to show?

It is traditional that western working tack and dress include some silver as working hardware. However, excessive silver or decoration is discouraged and may be grounds for disqualification. For those only owning a silver-heavy show saddle without removable plates, silver may be taped over. Saddles must be a western, stock-type saddle with a horn, with working tack suitable for ranch work.

Mandatory attire includes a long-sleeved western shirt with collar, jeans, western hat or helmet and boots with a heel--all appropriate wear for a working ranch. Spurs and chaps are optional, and the judge may ok the wearing of a short-sleeve western shirt with collar when temperatures spike, so have one packed just in case (but it is rare). "Bling" or excessive accessories are discouraged and may be grounds for point deduction or disqualification. This includes but is not limited to sparkle/crystals on shirts, "bling" belts, excessive jewelry, animal print fabrics on tack, hoof black, tail extensions, etc. Essentially, if it isn't practical to wear on a working ranch for a day's work, don't pack it. Never be afraid to ask if you have questions! It is always better to ask before entering the arena than to find out afterwards! Our members are great and very helpful, so feel free to ask anyone.

Michigan FQHR Membership Form

Below you will find the Michigan membership application. Our membership year runs from Jan 1 - Dec. 31 Anyone signing up from Oct thru Dec will be carried thru the following year. Just print this page out on your printer and return to the address below with the appropriate fee. Thanks, and we'll see you at the show.

Michigan Affiliate Member Application Fees:

Single \$20 _____ Family \$40 _____ Youth \$10 _____ Stallion Service Sale Donation Discount (\$20) _____

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email (opt In): _____

Current Michigan FQHR # _____

***FQHR-MI will NEVER sell or share our member's information with any other parties or business'. Your information is used only for membership tracking and monthly newsletters. Your contact information is shared within the Board only as needed. Should we have a membership directory, your information will be shared unless the box below is checked. ***

☐ **Check Here if you DO NOT WISH to have your contact information printed in our membership directory**

Michigan FQHR Release of Liability

This Release covers all shows/clinics offered by the FQHR Michigan affiliate for the calendar year. Please read carefully before signing. I apply to ride horses/ride in the arena/ride on trails and participate in or observe equine events provided and sponsored by Foundation Quarter Horse Registry-Michigan Affiliate FQHR-MI at the facilities indicated above. **WARNING:** Under the Michigan Equine Liability act an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from the inherent risk of the equine activity. I understand that horseback riding will expose me to above normal risks. These risks include collisions, obstacles, variation in terrain and surface/subsurface conditions, and unexpected actions of a horse, such as kicking, biting, rearing, bucking, striking, rolling, bolting, or running away from danger by trotting, cantering, or galloping. I also understand that I will be exposed to inherent risks of equine activity including but not limited to the unpredictability of an equine reaction to cattle, other animals, and sudden movement of people, sounds, and unfamiliar objects. I further understand that horses have a propensity to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to a person on or around it. I agree that I assume and acknowledge these and other dangers that are inherent in the activity of horseback riding. I agree that I am responsible for my own safety. I agree that I have my own medical coverage. I agree that the FQHR-MI, their members, employees, and agents will not be liable if I suffer personal injury or death, except if caused by their gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct. I agree not to bring any claims, demands or lawsuits against FQHR-MI, their members, employees, or agents. I agree that if FQHR-MI, their members, agents or employees are sued by anyone else because of claimed conduct of myself, I will indemnify and hold them harmless for all damages and costs, including reasonable actual attorney fees. I agree that the consideration for this release to be binding on me, my heirs and assigns that I am permitted to participate in FQHR-MI activities or ride on property rented or in use for events. I specifically affirm and agree that, this release constitutes a waiver of liability beyond the provisions of the Michigan Equine Activity Liability Act 1994 P.A. 351. I agree that Michigan law governs the interruption and enforceability of this release. I acknowledge that I am eighteen years of age or older, and I am signing this release on my own behalf and on the behalf of my minor children, our heirs, representatives, and assigns.

Printed name _____

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST HAVE A PARENT SIGNATURE!

For FAMILY memberships, please list children's names/ages (as of January 1):

FOUNDATION QUARTER HORSE REGISTRY
"The First and Original"

Membership Application

Please print and mail to:

FQHR
Box165
Vicksburg, Mi 49097

Check, Money Order or Credit Cards(M/CVISA) are accepted

Please select the type of membership you are requesting by (clicking the box next to your option).

☐ \$30–Annual Member or Annual Renewal

☐ \$250–Lifetime Member

☐ \$15–Youth or Youth Renewal

☐ \$50–Youth Lifetime Member

☐ \$35–Canadian Annual or Can. Renewal

☐ \$300–Canadian Lifetime Member

☐ \$45–International Annual or Intl Renewal

☐ \$350–International Lifetime Member

Date of Birth f/Youth:

FQHR #

for renewals

NAME:

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL

CREDIT CARD (MC/VISA)

EXP DATE (MM/YY)

You may call (269-649-1106) and provide Credit Info if you don't want to send via mail.

FOUNDATION QUARTER HORSE REGISTRY
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Amateur Card Application
Novice Card Application
Fee: \$15 each

Please print and mail to:

FQHR
Box165
Vicksburg, Mi 49097

By signing below, I verify that:

1. I have read the rules and regulations that govern the FQHR Amateur and Novice Amateur status card. I hereby affirm and agree by this application to comply with the rules and regulations of the FQHR as written and contained in the FQHR official Rule book, as it is updated by necessity.
2. If for any reason I become ineligible to exhibit in Approved Amateur or Novice Amateur classes, I understand it is my duty to voluntarily and immediately return my card and refrain from further exhibition in those classes.
3. I acknowledge that for violation of FQHR rules, I may be subject to disciplinary action and/or revocation of points and awards both for my horse and myself.
4. Select appropriate status and sign below:
5. Checks, Money Orders, Credit Card (M/C VISA) are accepted.

AMATEUR SIGNATURE:

DATE:

NOVICE SIGNATURE:

DATE:

NAME:

FQHR #

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL

CREDIT CARD (MC/VISA)

EXP DATE (MM/YY)

F.Q.H.R.

Horse Registration Application

Box 165 Vicksburg, Michigan 49097 ph:269-649-1106 fx:269-649-1560
www.fqhr.net fqhr@gtost.net

F.Q.H.R.

Rules: You must be a member of the F.Q.H.R. to register your horse.

Each horse must be 75% or more foundation blood. & No Reg.T.B. closer than the 4th gen.

1st - Families known to carry HYPP are not eligible for registration.

2nd -Registration Owner and FQHR membership must be identical.

for office use only:

Date recieved _____

FQHR REG# _____

Steps to Complete Your Registration - PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Herd fees apply to the 11th horse being registered within a calendar year.

☐ Enclose photo copy(front and back) of your AQHA Horse Registration Certificate.

☐ Enclose six generation pedigree (**with registration numbers**) or incurr charges for research \$15.00/ horse

☐ Enclose appropriate fees for Registration \$15.00/horse ☐ **PERCENTAGE BY REQUEST \$15.00/ horse**

☐ Fill out the following information (**Markings required**) ☐ **LESS THAN 30 DAYS- PAY RUSH FEE \$15.00/horse**

Owner Name : _____ Phone # : _____ Fax: _____

Address : _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip : _____

Owner Signature: _____ Owner FQHR ID #: _____ Email: _____

Horse color - written description of markings (if none, write none) : _____

Color of Mane, tail: _____ Scars / Brands & location: _____

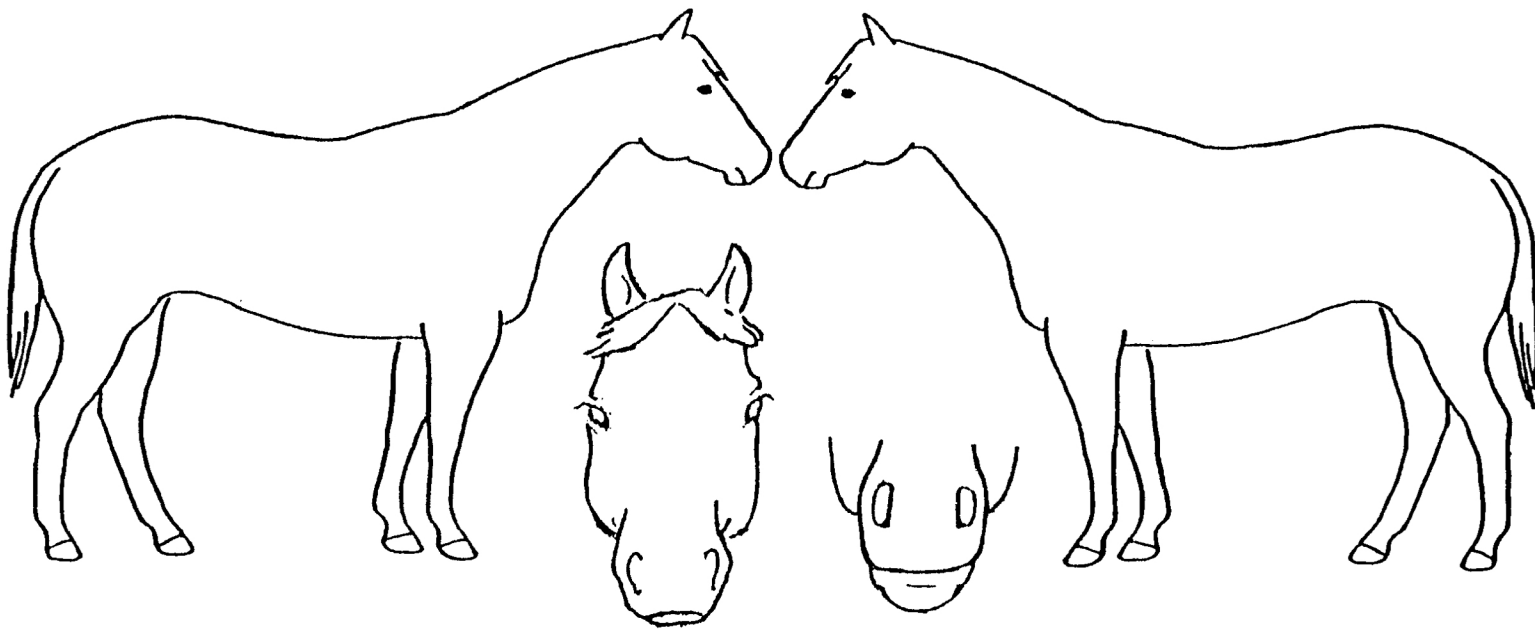
Other marking or color (Dorsal Stripe - etc.) : _____

Sire - NAME & F.Q.H.R. # : _____ Dam - NAME & F.Q.H.R. # : _____

Horse Name & AQHA # _____ Sex _____ Foaling Date: _____

Credit Card: Visa/Master Card/AMX Card # _____ Card Holder _____ EXP _____

Outline with **dark lines** the white markings of the horse being registered. **Include Scars & brands.** These markings will be transferred to your registration certificate.

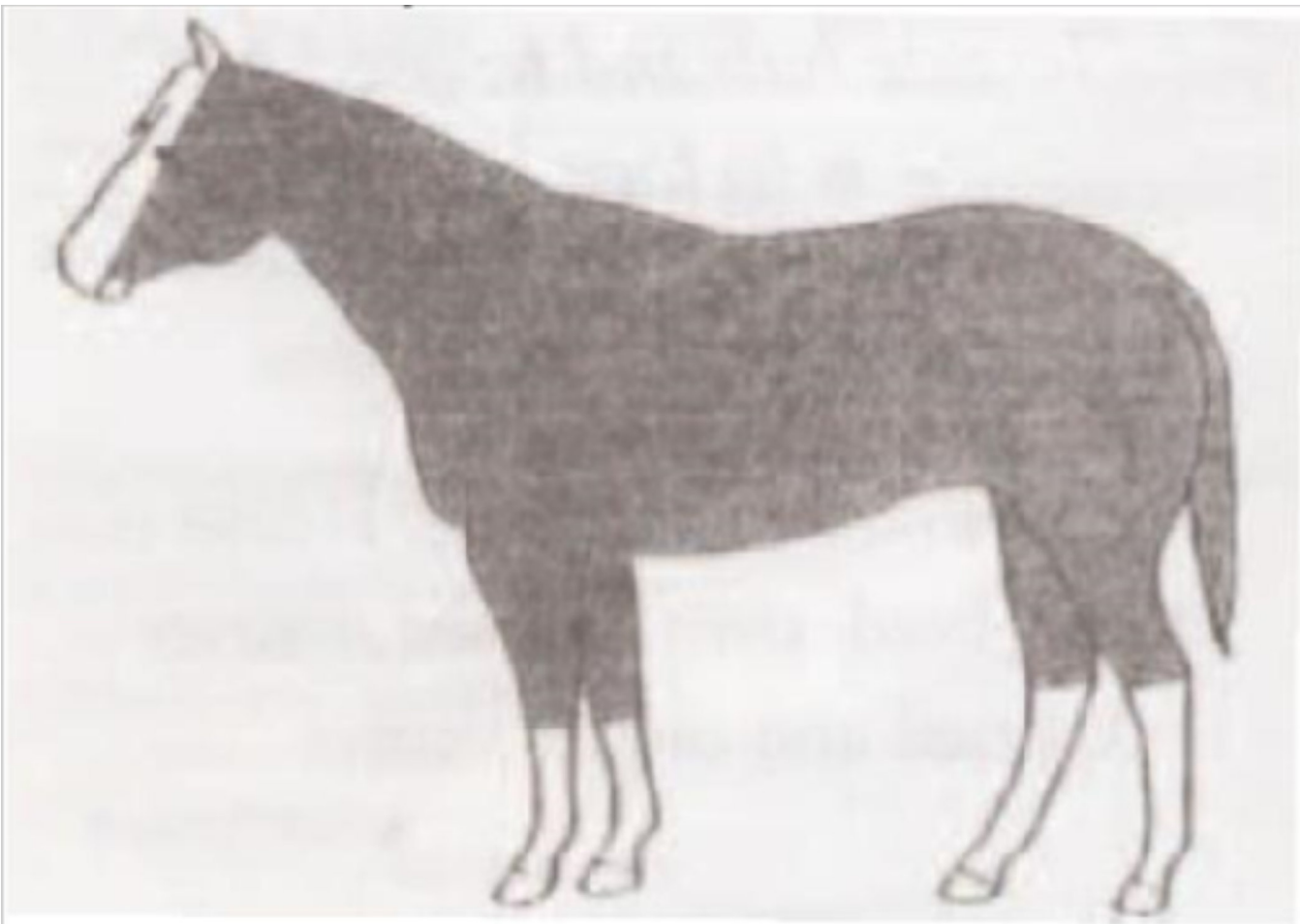


WHITE LINE RULE

No animal having white markings with underlying light skin beyond any one of the following described lines shall be eligible for registration in the Foundation Quarter Horse Registry. The prescribed lines for white markings with underlying light skin are as follows:

- *White above a line around each leg at the center of the knees and point of the hocks.
- *White behind a line running directly from the center corner of the mouth to the base of each ear to the nearest corner of the mouth
- *White on the lower lip above a line running from one corner of the mouth to the other corner.

A diagram of these lines is shown below. When a horse is inspected for possible excessive white markings, the owner will pay the Registry a fifty (\$50) dollar inspection fee. Payment of the fee must be received by the Registry prior to the inspection. The registration certificate of any animal having white markings beyond the prescribed lines, excessive white markings, or spot shall be subject to cancellation where the registration application fails to indicate or misrepresents the animal's actual marking.



FOUNDATION QUARTER HORSE REGISTRY
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Lease Application
FEE: \$10

Please print and mail to:

FQHR
Box165
Vicksburg, Mi 49097

Both parties must be current FQHR members or purchase a membership(s) before this horse lease will be recorded.

Check, Money Order or Credit Card (M/C or VISA) accepted.

Horse Reg Name FQHR Reg. #

Duration of Lease Beginning Date: End Date of Lease :

Lessee's Name: Lessee's FQHR #

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE EMAIL

Lessor's Name: FQHR Reg. #

Signature Field

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE EMAIL

CREDIT CARD (MC/VISA) EXP DATE (MM/YY)

You may call (269-649-1106) and provide Credit Info if you don't want to send via mail.