



Q-Ribbon: March 2015

Deadlines to Remember

Prior to March 1, AQHA should receive your **completed** June show application(s) and any corrections to your July show(s).

AQHA Show Approval Status

- Date and/or location changes received by January 21 are being processed
- Show approval applications received by February 10 are being entered



AQHA Show Results Status

- January show results are being processed and will be completed once 2014 year-end achievements are completed on show records.

Leveling Clarification

Levels for open-division cattle and halter classes are based on exhibitor points; all other open classes are based on horse points; therefore, any level exhibitor can show a Level 2 horse in the horse-based Level 2 classes. Horse-based classes include: barrel racing, pole bending, reining, western riding, trail, western pleasure, hunter under saddle, hunter hack and working hunter.

Show Approval Applications

If you fax or email your show approval application, please do not follow up with the original by mail. We try to catch these duplicates, but sometimes they get by us and you may receive two invoices.

Please send the show approval fee along with the application. If funds must be sent separately, please indicate the show number if known, as well as the date and location. These funds can be sent directly to Show Approval (Lisa Pond) for proper processing. This works well with sending money along with your application as well, specifying on the check the show dates and location details.

Membership Cards

During the first round of printing, birthdays were not printed on the front the AQHA 75th anniversary commemorative amateur membership cards. This has since been corrected, so we hope the majority of 75th anniversary cards that you see will have the birthday on the front.



2015 Handbook

The [2015 AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations](#) of show rules is in the mail. You will notice several differences in this year's book, including the size and the information in the book. With the exception of [Equestrians with Disabilities](#), this handbook contains all rules related to showing. It does not include rules on bylaws, racing or registration. If you would like to have the full handbook, contact customer service at AQHA.

Rule Clarifications

SHW400.3 Exhibit a maximum (total) of four horses in an all-age class. There is no stipulation on the combination of the junior horses and/or senior horses in an all-age class. If a junior class and a senior class are combined due to a lack of entries (may only be combined if there are two or less entries in one or both of the junior and senior classes), that class will become an all-age class.

SHW400.4 In a leveled class that is run concurrent [Level 2 (Progressive) and Level 3 (Open)], an exhibitor may show a maximum of four horses.

Clarification – The 2014 provision that allowed four horses to be shown in open all-ages/junior/senior scored, horse-based classes was only applicable through July 31, 2014. That provision was put into place to allow Level 2 horses that had begun qualifying in 2013 for the 2014 AQHA World Championship Show to continue showing due to the interruption of the implementation of Level 2.

SHW400.5 In Level 1 (Novice) youth, youth, Level 1 (Novice) amateur, Select amateur and amateur in individual working events, (reining, working cow horse, boxing, western riding, barrel racing, pole bending, stake race, jumping, working hunter, trail, breakaway roping, tie-down roping, dally team roping - heading, dally team roping - heeling, team penning, ranch sorting and cutting) an exhibitor may show three horses regardless of sex (except youth, Level 1 (Novice) youth and Level 1 (Novice) amateur where stallions may not be exhibited).

Since the following classes – showmanship, horsemanship, hunt seat equitation and equitation over fences – are not listed in this grouping, an exhibitor can show only one horse.

Judges Report Cards

Judges are no longer required to complete Judges Report Cards, as there is a new report that judges will submit to AQHA. They will download this from AQHA's website at www.aqha.com/judges.

Alliance Rules vs. AQHA Rules

When holding a show with working cow horse classes, you should be aware of a discrepancy between AQHA rules and National Reined Cow Horse Association rules as they relate to awarding new cattle. Part of NRCHA Rule 19.3 states:

“The judge may blow his/her whistle at any time during the work. One whistle to terminate the work, two whistles to award a new cow. **If the judge awards a new cow, the exhibitor has the option to refuse the new cow by continuing to work. If the exhibitor intends to accept the new cow, he or she must pull up immediately.** With a multiple-judge system, any one of the judges may terminate the work or signal for a new cow.”

Current AQHA rules do NOT give the exhibitor the option of refusing the new cow. With that, some judges and exhibitors are confused as to which rules to follow, especially at dual-approved events. To avoid confusion, show management should notify exhibitors the classes will be judged by AQHA or NRCHA rules.

1. AQHA rules apply when it is AQHA-only (show or special event).
2. Alliance rules apply when dual-approved, regardless of who sponsors the event.

All the Queen's Horses Parade – American Quarter Horses March in London Parade

For the first time, American Quarter Horses were included in the 2015 [All the Queen's Horses parade](#) on New Year's Day in London. The 75-horse parade included 12 American Quarter Horses, and one rider carrying the AQHA flag.

"What an amazing experience the American Quarter Horse UK Team had!" said Lindsay Robinson of the United Kingdom, one of the event's organizers who rode LJ Classic Luke, a 2000 bay gelding by Classic Impulse and out of CW Quintessence by Crimson War. Be sure to read the full article on www.aqha.com/showing, where it first appeared January 5.



*Iced Tee and Mary Larcom
(Courtesy of Lindsay Robinson)*

Promote Your Show Online

Speaking of www.aqha.com/showing, you're more than welcome to submit coverage from your weekend shows and circuit events to AQHA Internet Editor Tara Matsler at tmatsler@aqha.org to have your show highlighted on AQHA.com's Showing page. Brought to you by [The American Quarter Horse Journal](#), some of the page's past and upcoming coverage includes the Arizona Sun Circuit, Southwest Quarter Horse Association January show, Kansas Prairie Classic and Utah Quarter Horse Association Early Thaw Show. The *Journal* looks forward to sharing your news, too!

Q-Ribbon Newsletter

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