

WQHA Show and Contest Rules and Regulations

WQHA Show Approval Requirements

1. It is understood that all shows requesting approval of the Wisconsin Quarter Horse Association must be approved by the American Quarter Horse Association. However, a show may apply for WQHA approval before receiving AQHA approval by marking the show application "AQHA approval pending." (NOTE: In order to obtain AQHA approval, an "Application for Approval" form, properly completed, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the AQHA Association at least ninety (90) days prior to the first date of the proposed show or contest. Such blank forms and other information may be obtained from the American Quarter Horse Association, Amarillo, Texas 79168).

2. Applications for show approval must be filed with the Show Coordinator by March 1 of the approval year. Applications can consist of either oral or written intentions to hold said shows. Every show must send a representative to the Show Coordination seminar that is held before the start of the show season, or at the discretion of the WQHA board, the shows may be refused approval. All WQHA approved shows will use the approved computer program and back number system.

The WQHA will have a 35-show limit for approvals and will limit and discourage the approval of shows being held on weekdays. No current year shows will be held after the last weekend in October. WQHA approved shows may either obtain insurance thru the WQHA insurance provider, or if they choose to use a different carrier provide the WQHA with a Certificate of Liability Insurance.

3. Two complete show program flyers for printing in the Newsletter should also be mailed to the WQHA Newsletter Coordinator for March 1. If not received by then, neither the Newsletter Editor for the WQHA can be held responsible if the show information does not reach the exhibitors on time. Show management agrees to pay the Newsletters fee for printing a flyer —check must accompany flyer. Shows run on consecutive days with identical show programs may submit one flyer only and will be charged for printing just one flyer. This does not apply to the same management running shows on different weekends throughout the year.

4. A map with explicit directions to the show grounds must be included in the flyer printed in the Newsletter.

5. No WQHA Rule Book will be supplied to shows.

6. No show will start later than 15 minutes after published starting time. If the starting time is more than 15 minutes later without a valid reason, as determined by the WQHA Board of Directors, show approval for the following year may be

withheld.7. At a show there is to be no longing in the designated show area and make up arena during show hours, this includes all breaks.

8. At a show there is to be no ponying of horses in the designated show area or makeup arena during show hours, this includes all breaks.

9. If working hunter classes are offered at a show, a scheduled practice time for working hunters only will be provided. No riders on the flat or longers will be allowed in the pen during this time. There will be no jumping practice during open practice sessions when the pen is open for riders on the flat and longers.

10. If pleasure driving is offered at the show, a scheduled warm-up and practice time will be made available for driving horses only. No riders or longers will be allowed in the areana or pen during the pleasure driving warm-up.

11. All exhibitors and horses must be clear of arenas and pens before tractors and arena maintenance equipment can proceed with work.

12. There is no required order for halter classes.

13. All WQHA required classes and optional classes selected must be judged, laid out and operated in accordance with WQHA requirements. The AQHA approved classes must be run according to the rules set forth in the latest edition of the Show and Contest Rules and Regulations of the American Quarter Horse Association. All classes must be on the published show bill to be recognized for WQHA year end points. All AQHA approved classes are eligible as point classes for year end WQHA awards, providing they are held in not less than ten of the approved shows or provided the horse has earned a minimum of 20 WQHA points in that class during the current year.

14. Each WQHA approved horse show will submit a fee in the amount of \$1.00 (one dollar) per horse show entry to the WQHA, payable within 15 days of the end of the show. This fee is incorporated into the WQHA year end awards program.

15. Show results and fees received after the 15 day limit but before the 30 days will result in the forfeiture of show date preference for the following year. Failure to forward show results and fees after 30 days will result in not approving the show in succeeding years, at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Shows found in violation of this rule will be granted approval only with the estimated total \$1.00 fee paid in advance by March 1 of the approval year. An estimate will be derived from an average of previous year's charges.

16. Sale dates reserved with the WQHA will require a \$25.00 non-refundable fee, payable to the WQHA and forwarded to the Show Coordinator. A full page ad regarding the sale must be published in the Newsletter in order that the date be

reserved by the WQHA. Sale Management agrees to pay the Newsletter fee for the full-page ad. No WQHA approved show will be run to conflict with a sale date reserved in this manner.

17. No more than one show or sale will be approved for one date by the WQHA. WQHA shows and sales approved the previous year will have priority over other shows applying for approval, provided they met all WQHA rules the previous year and meet the current show approval policies of the WQHA.

18. It is suggested that judges be from out of state. It is recommended that judges not be from a neighboring state. It is also required that they judge no more than one Wisconsin show per year. In the event of a show emergency, this rule may be waived to accommodate substitute judges.

19. All shows requesting approval must do so with the Show Coordinator by March 1 of the approval year; shows requested after March 1 of the approval year will be considered for the following year's approval with no exceptions. The show calendar will be prepared for publication in the April newsletter.

20. Hardship Clause: Because in any given situation there might arise extenuating circumstances which might be cause to except one or more of these rules in order to grant approval of a show, the committee reserves the right to do so in cases that do not in any manner conflict with the purposes, policies and intent of the WQHA.

21. Suggestions for show grounds, facilities, and class schedules are supplied in the Show Manager's Guide. New shows applying for WQHA approval may be subject to inspection of same, prior to final approval. Inspection will be conducted by a person(s) appointed by the WQHA Show Coordination Committee.

22. The required Halter Classes are as follows:

- a. Yearling Stallions
- b. 2 Yr Old Stallions
- c. 3 Yr Old Stallions
- d. Aged Stallions
- e. Performance Stallions
- f. Yearling Mares
- g. 2 Yr Old Mares
- h. 3 Yr Old Mares
- i. Aged Mares
- j. Performance Mares
- k. Yearling Geldings
- l. 2 Yr Old Geldings
- m. 3 Yr Old Geldings
- n. Aged Geldings
- o. Performance Geldings

23. The following are suggested Halter Classes; all are point classes for year-end WQHA awards, providing they are held in not less than ten of the approved shows or provided the horse has earned a minimum of 20 WQHA points in that class during the current year.

- a. Weanling Colts
- b. Weanling Fillies
- c. Broodmares
- d. Produce of Dam (two horses out of same dam)
- e. Get of Sire (three horses by the same sire)
- f. Amateur halter classes
- g. Youth halter classes

24. The following are suggested Performance Classes; all are point classes for year-end WQHA awards, providing they are held in not less than ten of the approved shows or provided the horse has earned a minimum of 20 WQHA points in that class during the current year.

- a. Reining
- b. Western Pleasure
- c. Working Cow Horse
- d. Barrel Racing
- e. Tie Down Roping
- f. Cutting
- g. Hunter Under Saddle
- h. Jumping
- i. Pole Bending
- j. Trail
- k. Western Riding
- l. Working Hunter
- m. Progressive Working Hunter
- n. Hunter Hack
- o. Pleasure Driving
- p. 2 Yr Old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure
(not approved prior to July 1 of the year for which approval is requested)
- q. Dally Team Roping Heading – Heeling
- r. Team Penning
- s. Ranch Sorting
- t. Green Hunter Under Saddle
- u. Green Trail
- v. Green Western Pleasure
- w. Green Western Riding
- x. Green Working Hunter

At the option of each show and where allowed by AQHA rules the above classes may be offered as Junior and Senior divisions, and will be considered for WQHA points, provided they are offered as JR / SR in not less than ten of the approved shows.

24A. The following are suggested Amateur Performance Classes; all are point classes for year-end WQHA awards, providing they are held in not less than ten of the approved shows or provided the horse has earned a minimum of 20 WQHA points in that class during the current year.

At show management's option, any number of classes from the full slate of Amateur performance classes may also be offered as Amateur Select ages 50 and over. Management will combine these classes back to an all-age class should there be fewer than 3 entries in the Select Class. In the event a class offered on the show bill as amateur select and amateur are combined at the show, WQHA points will be awarded to the class that the exhibitor originally entered. Jumping and Team Penning may only be offered as all-age classes.

- a. Amateur Halter Classes
- b. Amateur Showmanship
- c. Amateur Hunter Under Saddle
- d. Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation
- e. Amateur Western Pleasure
- f. Amateur Western Horsemanship
- g. Amateur Hunter Hack
- h. Amateur Reining
- i. Amateur Trail Horse
- j. Amateur Western Riding
- k. Amateur Working Hunter
- l. Amateur Pleasure Driving
- m. Amateur Equitation Over Fences
- n. Amateur Barrel Racing
- o. Amateur Pole Bending
- p. Amateur Tie Down Roping
- q. Amateur Dally Team Roping Heading – Heeling
- r. Amateur Working Cow Horse
- s. Amateur Team Penning
- t. Amateur Ranch Sorting
- u. Amateur Breakaway Roping
- v. Amateur Cutting

Any of the above AQHA approved classes may also be offered at the show managements discretion in the Amateur Select and Novice Amateur divisions. The WQHA suggests shows to offer classes in both of these divisions. In the Amateur Halter events, shows may offer the halter classes as Junior – Senior –

Performance or Yearlings, 2 yr olds, 3 yr olds, Aged, Performance. In the Amateur Division, halter classes will be offered for Stallions, Mares, and Geldings.

25. The following are suggested Youth Activity Halter Classes; all are point classes for year-end WQHA awards, providing they are held in not less than ten of the approved shows or provided the horse has earned a minimum of 20 WQHA points in that class during the current year.

- a. Junior Halter Mares
- b. Senior Halter Mares
- c. Performance Halter Mares
- d. Junior Halter Geldings
- e. Senior Halter Geldings
- f. Performance Halter Geldings

At show managements option, youth halter classes may also be offered by age division.

26. The following are suggested Youth Activity Performance Classes; all are point classes for year-end WQHA awards, providing they are held in not less than ten of the approved shows or provided the horse has earned a minimum of 20 WQHA points in that class during the current year.

- a. Showmanship
- b. Western Pleasure
- c. Cutting
- d. Reining
- e. Barrel Racing
- f. Tie Down Roping
- g. Breakaway Roping
- h. Western Riding
- i. Trail
- j. Stake Race
- k. Pole Bending
- l. Western Horsemanship
- m. Jumping
- n. Working Cow horse
- o. Working Hunter
- p. Hunter Under Saddle
- q. Hunt Seat Equitation
- r. Hunter Hack
- s. Equitation over Fences
- t. Dally Team Roping Heading – Heeling

Any of the above AQHA approved classes may be offered in the Novice Youth Division. The WQHA suggests shows to offer classes in the Novice Division.

27. Age group limits in Youth Activity events may be set by the show management. In no case, however, shall any contestant be more than 18 years of age nor the maximum age be less than 18 years of age. For horse show purposes, the age of an individual on January 1 of that year shall be maintained throughout the entire year. (Example: A youngster who has a birthday in July and is 18 years of age on January 1, 2005 may show throughout the entire year of 2005 as an 18 year old). Youth classes may be offered as 18 and under, or 13 and under – 14 to 18.

28. SMALL FRY 10 and Under: The following listed Small Fry classes are suggested classes. All the listed classes are approved for year end WQHA awards providing they are held in not less than ten of the approved shows.

- a. Small Fry Showmanship
- b. Small Fry Trail
- c. Small Fry Western Pleasure
- d. Small Fry Western Horsemanship
- e. Small Fry Hunter Under Saddle
- f. Small Fry Equitation

The WQHA suggests shows to offer classes in the Small Fry division.

29. Rules of ownership for the Small Fry division are the same as any other youth showing in the AQHA approved youth classes (to earn a Grand or Reserve WQHA year end award). Riders may also show in AQHA halter or showmanship classes, but not any class in which the canter or lope is required. Riders must earn a minimum of 10 points to be eligible for Grand or Reserve year end award. Other riders may ride for a participation award.

29A. Lead Line ages 6 and under

Lead line riders must participate in a minimum of three shows and earn a minimum of 5 points to receive a participation award. Riders must control the horse at the walk, and back if asked. Handlers are there for safety, lead line handlers should be 18 years of age or older. Halters should be placed under the bridle, handlers are expected to maintain control of their horses at all times. Riders are not required to own their mount. This is not a WQHA approved class—awards are presented if an individual or, group is willing to defray the cost. Horses do not have to meet the ownership eligibility rules for riders to qualify for participation awards.

30. Entries are submitted per show(s) i.e. single, split combined, triple judged. Exhibitors have the option to enter all of their classes for the circuit in advance. All entries are to be made at the show office, and all scratches must be made at the show office. Failure to scratch at the show office prior to the start of a the class will make the exhibitor liable for the entry fee(s).

ELIGIBILITY FOR WQHA POINTS and AWARDS: In order to be eligible to acquire WQHA points, monies or awards, both the owner and exhibitor must be members in good standing of the Association.

POINTS: All members and exhibitors regardless of residence location are eligible to receive points for the year-end awards. In order for a horse to earn said points, all parties listed as owner on the Certificate of Registration must be members of the WQHA. The points for WQHA shows held after the last weekend in October through December will count toward year-end awards in the following year.

WQHA points will be awarded in each of the listed classes on the following basis:

# Horses	in Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
1										
2	1									
3	2	1								
4	3	2	1							
5	4	3	2	1						
6	5	4	3	2	1					
7	6	5	4	3	2	1				
8-11	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
12-16	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
17-21	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	
22-26	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	
27-31	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	

One point extra in each place, for each five extra horses.

The Grand Champion of each sex division will receive at least one point more than any other horse in its sex division. If necessary, additional points will be added to the points the Grand Champion won its age class to give it this total. The Reserve Champion of each sex division will receive as many points as any horse in its sex division except the Grand Champion. If necessary, additional points will be added to the points the Reserve Champion won in its age class to give it this total.

YEAR-END AWARDS

Year-end awards are to be presented to the high point horse in each registered performance and halter class with a suitable award to the second high point in each registered class, provided the horse or rider has earned a minimum of 20 WQHA points in that class and the class has been offered a minimum of 10 times. If the class has been offered 10 or more times and the 20 points have not been earned, a suitable award will be presented.

Year-end awards are to be presented to the high point youth and a suitable award to the second place winner in each youth activity class provided the horse or rider has earned a minimum of 20 WQHA points in that class and the class has been offered a minimum of ten times during the current year.

Year-end awards are to be presented to high point amateur and a suitable award to the second place winner in each amateur class. The WQHA will also present a suitable award to the high point amateur select and reserve amateur select in each class, provided the horse or rider has earned a minimum of 20 WQHA points in that class and the class has been offered a minimum of 10 times.

A year-end All-Around Champion award will be presented to the youth earning the most points in all youth activity division classes, a suitable award will go to the reserve high point winner. The WQHA will also recognize the high point and reserve high point in each age group, division with a suitable award, provided the age division has been offered at 10 or more shows.

A year-end All-Around Amateur Champion award will be presented to the high point one horse - one rider combination in the amateur division, total points from both the amateur and amateur/ select classes. A suitable award will go to the reserve high point winner. The WQHA will also recognize the high point and reserve high point All Around Select with a suitable award.

High Point All age Awards will be presented to the High Point All age Halter Stallion, High Point All age Halter Mare, and High Point All age Halter Gelding with points earned from the open division halter classes.

A year-end All-Around Open Champion award will be awarded to the horse winning the most points in halter classes and at least two performance classes during the year. At least 10 points must be won in each class (halter and each of the two performance classes). The performance classes include the classes listed previously, excluding the Youth Activity and Amateur Classes.

A WQHA Champion award will be awarded to each horse earning 200 WQHA points, with at least 50 points earned in halter classes, at least 50 points earned in one AQHA approved performance event, and at least 25 points in another AQHA approved performance event, excluding youth activity, amateur, and novice classes. Points earned in previous years will count toward this award. Only one WQHA 200 Point Champion trophy will be awarded to each horse. Effective January 1, 1988, points will not begin to accumulate until a horse becomes a yearling. A WQHA Champion award will be awarded to each Amateur horse and rider combination earning 200 WQHA points in amateur classes, with at least 50 points in one AQHA amateur performance event. These points began to accumulate on January 1, 1989. Only one 200 point champion award will be awarded to each horse and rider combination. A WQHA Champion award will be

awarded to each Youth horse and rider combination earning 300 WQHA points in youth classes, with at least 50 points in one AQHA youth performance event. Only one 300 point champion award will be awarded to each horse and rider combination.

Novice amateur and novice youth points do not transfer to their respective 200/300 point awards. Youth points do not transfer to amateur. Small Fry points do not transfer to Youth.

Points will be compiled on a one horse—one youth basis in youth activity events, one horse-one amateur/amateur select in amateur events, and are to be awarded on the same basis used in the adult division.

Points are to be accumulated from the date of the postmark on the envelope in which the current year's dues are received by the membership chairman, or the date of the receipt issued by the membership chairman or his assistant. The membership chairman shall retain all envelopes for proof of dates.--Anyone making dues payments to someone other than the membership chairman does so at his or her own risk.

POINTS WILL BE AWARDED ONLY IN WQHA APPROVED SHOWS.

The WQHA will recognize with a suitable award certificate at the Annual Awards Banquet the following horses:

1. National High Point Stallion, Mare and Gelding in any halter or performance class earning this title in the current year and owned by a member of the WQHA.
2. AQHA Champion horses [open – amateur – youth] earning this title in the current year and owned by a member of the WQHA.
3. AQHA Superior horses in all Registered and Amateur and Youth classes earning this title in the current year and owned by a member of the WQHA.
4. It will be the owner's responsibility to notify the Awards chairman prior to December 31 if his horse has earned any of these awards. A copy of the AQHA show record must accompany said notification. Special recognition for National Youth awards is the responsibility of the Wisconsin Junior Quarter Horse Association.

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