

**Show Committee Agenda
2016 Convention
Las Vegas, Nevada**

1. Welcome by Chair
2. Committee guidelines
3. Meeting protocol
4. Member review of and comments on agenda items
5. Review of agenda items by subcommittees
6. Nominations for Committee Chair (Saturday)

GENERAL SUBCOMMITTEE

Agenda items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:

1. Add new rule: Allow exhibitors to show in Level 1 even if a superior has been won, if exhibitor has not shown in that class in 20 years. - (member)
2. Amend rule: SHW400.8 ~~No~~ **Any** horse may be shown in more than one youth or amateur subdivision of any type of event. (Example: A horse ridden in a reining class by a youth in the 11-year-old and younger group **can** also be ridden in a reining class by a youth in the 15-through 18-year-old group). - (member)
3. Add new rule: If the leased horse is incentive fund eligible and earns points to receive incentive fund money during the lease time frame then the lessee will receive the incentive fund money. - (member)
4. Add Optional open division for International Shows - ****Category VII - (member)
5. Amend rule SHW430: WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP: add to the open division. - (member)
6. Amend rule SHW616: HUNT SEAT EQUITATION ON THE FLAT. Add to the open division. - (member)
7. Amend SHW 245.3: that the superior on the horse alone and not let the horse compete in Level 1 in the class they obtained the superior in. - (member)
8. Amend all Level 1 classes: Increase the threshold for participation in all Level 1 Open classes from \$1,000 to allow horses who have not won \$5,000 or more in any equine organization or association in the specific class. - (member)
9. Amend rule SHW245. LEVEL 1 ELIGIBILITY: Level 1 eligibility shall be based upon

overall points earned in the Level 1 division. Once a Level 1 exhibitor has accumulated an overall 50 points in the Level 1 division, that individual shall be awarded a Level 1 superior award by AQHA, graduate out of the Level 1 division and be promoted up to the Amateur division. - (member)

10. Add new class: AQHA China Rodeo Western Riding - (member)
11. Add new division to Open, Amateur and Youth for International: Young Rider, this division will be reserved for riders age 17-21 and may cross enter in youth or amateur classes if eligible. - (member)
12. Leveling point ranges for International shows (Region 11) only. Level 1 would be ten points; Level 2 would be 10.5 to 15 points; Level 3 would be more than 15.5 points - (member)
13. Delete rule SHW405.10 ~~Furosemide or Lasix® - When used must be administered intravenously at least four hours prior to competition.~~ - Lasix is being used for the respiratory health of the horse that has problems with bleeding in the lungs during competition. Allow the exhibitor to treat their horse accordingly at a show as you cannot predict the timing of the event or in the case of showing in multiple events in one day. - (member)
14. Discuss recommendations from Western Dressage task force to adopt western dressage as an AQHA recognized discipline. - (member)
15. Amend the current Two-Year old Western Pleasure to a Three-Year old and older maiden class. - (member)
16. Amend rule to allow amateur to be added to life membership with a one-time fee - (member)
17. Add Hunter in Hand as approved AQHA Class. - (member)

SHOW FORMAT & PROCEDURES SUBCOMMITTEE

Agenda items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:

1. Amend rule SHW117.1.1 Classes will be combined back to an all-age class should there be less than three entries in the Select or amateur class **with the exception of Showmanship at Halter, Western Horsemanship, English Equitation and Equitation over Fences: where the class is predominately judged on exhibitor.** - (member)
2. Amend rule SHW 220 AMATEUR AND YOUTH HORSE OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS - to include great aunts, great uncles and great great grandparents. - (member)
3. Amend rule SHW112.14 to offer halter or performance halter classes in the open division. - (member)

4. Add new rule: Approval of Alliance events SHW102.2 With the exception of AQHA Alliance events where the priority dates do not apply. AQHA will honor the approval decision of the parent alliance for all AQHA alliance event date and location approvals. Alliance events will be exempt from the AQHA mileage restriction rule SHW101.3 and parent alliance location and date restrictions will be honored. - (member)
5. Add new rule: SHW240. AMATEUR AND YOUTH SHOWING LEASED HORSES. Amateurs and youth may show leased horses subject to the following: **Level 1 exhibitors in their first three years of AQHA competition are the only exhibitors allowed to lease horses.** - (member)
6. Add new rule: A rider who has won an AQHA world championship, congress (12-14 higher), high point title, and/or competed on a NCEA team should not be allowed to show in Level 1 classes. - (member)
7. Add new rule: after being judged on the rail, all horses must remain in the show arena until the placings from all judges' cards have been announced. Upon an exhibitor's number being called, he or she should ride forward one horse length for recognition. The announcer shall call the number, state the name of the horse, the owner and the exhibitor of placings on all cards. Upon the announcing of the final judge's card, exhibitors are free to exit the arena when their number is called. - (member)
8. Amend rule: SHW104. SHOW APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FEES **to one fee and one event code for international countries that would like to hold a special event and a Versatility Ranch Horse show on same weekend.** - (member)
9. Recommendations from Show approval task force:
 - A. Continue to implement no more than 2, 6 pointed circuits by state/province per year. Special events are working when held with existing shows. Allow special events with another show as long as the circuit does not exceed 6 sets of points. Move the guidelines on 6 pointed shows to be printed in the rule book.
 - a. New Rule for 2017 rule book: SHW 103.7 A state can have up to two 6 pointed circuits per year and the affiliate must approve these. Any circuit of 6 points or more which was established prior to 2013 is grandfathered in. No more than four judges can be in the arena judging at one time; however, in halter only exhibitors can track and show up to 6 judges at once.
 - B. Require days off between shows at the same location. The task force recommends the following days be taken off between specified number of shows. This would refer to always after the said show.
 - a. 6 judges (3- 4 days) 2 days off before another circuit can start
 - b. 5 judges (3 – 4days) 2 days off before another circuit can start
 - c. Any less than 5 judges -1 day off before another show can start
 - C. Define circuit as opposed to show:
 - a. Circuit = 4 judges or more b. Show = less than 3 judges

- D. Modify SHW103.3 Priority dates are a privilege, not a right, and therefore cannot be sold or transferred from one sponsoring body or ~~management~~ to another sponsoring body without notifying and being approved by the Affiliate and AQHA . A change of sponsorship does make a show become a new show, unless AQHA and the affiliate are not notified in which case the show becomes a new show and is worked as such. A change in the sponsoring body can happen once in a 3 year time period. Violation of this rule could result in disciplinary action.
- E. SHW103.6 a show that changes sponsoring body (the individual or group financially responsible for holding the show) or ~~show name~~, changes location more than 150 miles, or moves to another state is considered a new show without priority dates.
- F. SHW109. SCHEDULES. Show management has the option of holding some classes the afternoon or evening before their approved show date(s) provided that afternoon or evening not conflict with another existing approved event ~~show~~. For example, at a weekend show, the Saturday show may begin the preceding Friday afternoon and the Sunday show may begin on Saturday. ~~afternoon after all Saturday classes are completed.~~
- a. ~~SHW109.1 Facilities with two or more arenas may begin:~~
 - b. ~~SHW109.1.1 speed events, team penning or ranch sorting even if the current day's show is still in progress any time after 4 p.m.~~
 - c. ~~SHW109.1.2 the next day's classes anytime in the afternoon or evening only if the speed events, team penning or ranch sorting of the current days show are still in progress~~
 - d. ~~SHW 109.1.3 one show before the other is finished with prior permission from AQHA~~
- G. ~~No major show will be allowed to move on top of another — even if mileage works up, consideration will be taken regarding the shows that are on that same weekend~~
- H. Let shows return to having the option of holding the halter classes as individual age groups or as 2 & under and 3 & over for the Youth and Amateur Divisions.
- I. Remove moratorium on Introductory and Single judged shows. Mileage requirement between any other show and an Introductory Show/ Single judged show would be 100 miles. Not to be combined or added to any existing show or circuit. Nor more than 2 single judged would be approved at one time.
- J. Form a “Hardship Appeals Committee”. This committee would consist of the show format subcommittee members. This committee would meet (with the affected affiliate(s)) to review show requests that are outside rules and/or guidelines of AQHA.
- K. Recognize shows by and award certificates to the Top 10 Shows in the following categories:
- a. Introductory
 - b. EWD
 - c. Dressage
 - d. Level 1

- e. Single Judged
- f. Double Judge
- g. 3 Judged
- h. 4 Judged
- i. 5 Judged
- j. 6 Judged
- k. 6 + Judged Shows
- l. Over All (As we have now)

10. Recommendation regarding rule: SHW804. SUPERIOR ALL-AROUND OPEN, AMATEUR, YOUTH - will be awarded to any individual youth or amateur exhibitor/horse combination or any stallion, mare or gelding in the open division that has earned 50 or more all-around titles.

Currently Select All-Around titles do not count towards an amateur Superior All-Around title. Since the select exhibitor is an amateur exhibitor; AQHA staff recommends Select All-Around titles be included in the calculation of Amateur Superior All-Around achievements. For example, this would mean a person with 30 Amateur All-Around titles and 20 Select All-Around titles would achieve an Amateur Superior All-Around title as 50 all-around titles had been earned.

11. Recommendation to review SHW 803.4 - Amateur & Select All-Rounds

12. Amend rule SHW 763.4 An exhibitor may show more than one horse in individually worked classes as outlined in the rulebook, but horses cannot be shown by more than one exhibitor in the same EWD class **or will be disqualified.** - (member)

13. Amend rule: SHW 245.3 When determining eligibility for a level in a particular class, an individual/ horse may not have exceeded the point cap described in SHW245.1 for that particular class. In addition, at the time of application for level 1 (Novice) an individual may not have earned a superior award in a particular class in any equine organization or association with a membership of more than 7,500 members (including AQHA): placed in the top 10 at any AQHA World Championship Show in a particular class; won a world, reserve world, national or reserve national championship title in a particular class in any equine organization or association with a membership of more than 7,500 members; placed first at an AQHA Level 1 (Novice) Championship Show in a particular class; won an international or reserve international title for that particular class at the European Championships or German Championships regardless of whether the international class in question was an AQHA –approved class; **with at least 20 entries in that class;** or won a total of \$5,000 in cash and prizes with any equine organization or association. If an exhibitor has not reached any of the above achievements but has pointed out of level 1 (Novice), the exhibitor can only return to level 1 in that particular class if the exhibitor has not earned any points in that class for 10 consecutive years and must meet eligibility requirements per Rule SHW245.3 - (member)

WESTERN & TIMED EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

Agenda items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:

1. Adopt AQHA ranch sorting rules to adhere to Ranch Sorting National Championship rules as follows:
 - A. (SHW547.3) Official time and lap time.

AQHA has a rule that says the most cattle sorted in the fastest time wins except if it involves a ten header. If a ten header is involved then lap times will override the official time to determine the winner.

RSNC rule is that the most cattle sorted in the fastest time wins and all times are based on the lap time.
 - B. AQHA has a rule (SHW547.10) that states in the instance of a re-ride, exhibitors will receive a full (90, 75 or 60 second) clock, but the exhibitor's time cannot be improved. However, the number of cattle sorted during the allotted time can be improved.

RSNC rule is straight forward. At the time a clock is stopped and contestants are offered a re-ride, they have the choice of taking the cattle sorted and time or they can choose a full re-ride with the full amount of time allotted.
 - C. Clarify VIO240 concerning prohibited assistance from outside the arena during ranch sorting competition. Adopt RSNC rule to allow audience to spot cattle.

RSNC has a rule stating:– any part of a cow in sequence that starts across the start/foul line and backs out is a No Time. Amend to SHW547.9: As long as any cows cross start/foul line in correct sequence initially, they do not have to maintain the same sequence when ending. – (staff)
2. Add new rule: To be eligible to count an entry in any speed event class any entry must be within 1 second of the fastest time. – (member)
3. Amend rule SHW305.4.2 WESTERN EQUIPMENT: to allow the use of leather bits as legal equipment. – (member)
4. Amend rule SHW305.2 WESTERN EQUIPMENT: to allow the leather bits as legal equipment. – (member)
5. Amend rule SHW510.1.3: In Working Cow Horse Boxing - deleting current rule of going down the fence three or more times and adopt NRCHA rule concerning eligibility of entering the boxing class. – (member)
6. Amend rule SHW525.4 Any catch that holds is legal, but rope must remain on calf until tie is completed and roper has mounted horse and ridden forward. – (member)

ENGLISH & DRESSAGE SUBCOMMITTEE

Agenda items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:

1. Review the concept of a new class of Working Hunter under Saddle for further review and definition of the class from 2015 convention.
2. Consider recognizing United States Eventing Association (USEA) horse trials to be converted to points for AQHA recognition. – (member)
3. Amend rule SHW310.1 ENGLISH EQUIPMENT: – to allow the leather bits as legal equipment. – (member)

WORLD SHOW SUBCOMMITTEE

Agenda items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:

1. Discontinue charging an additional entry fee in Team Penning/Ranch Sorting for alternate horse, if horse is qualified. Only charge additional office fee without refund for the additional paperwork and if the alternate horse shows in place of original entry, utilize the original entry fee paid on that horse. – (member)
2. Develop an interest bearing account that would be won by exhibitors at the World Show, Select World and Youth World, by adding a \$1 per entry per class at all AQHA-approved shows and the Level 2 classes. – (member)
3. Add new Halter class “Pasture Pals” to World show for horses ages 8-10 and older. – (member)
4. At all World Shows, the announcer should announce what events a horse has earned their points in for the Performance halter when they trot in and if the horse has won an AQHA champion. – (member)
5. Amend the rule that if a horse qualifies in both halter and performance halter, ~~he/she may exhibit in both classes – to –~~ **A horse may not show in the age division halter class and the performance halter class at the same worldshow in a particular division.** – (member)
6. Develop Western & English Dressage classes for the 2017 World Championship Show. – (member)
7. For World title in Halter – consider having Co-World Champions if tied since no “work off” is granted, or bring back top two horses for “judge off”. – (member)

HALTER SUBCOMMITTEE

Agenda items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:

1. Amend rule SHW350.2 All horses whose registration certificates are marked with a parrot mouth notation per registration rules, cryptorchid notation per registration rules or excessive white notation per registration rules are ineligible to compete in any halter class including performance halter **EXCEPT they shall be eligible to**

compete in performance halter and versatility ranch horse conformation classes. – (member)

2. Amend rule SHW365. Performance Halter to: In order to show in a performance halter class the exhibitor must show in a performance class (under saddle) at that show, including world shows. If exhibitor shows in performance halter and does not show in a subsequent performance class – points will be forfeited and a monetary penalty could be imposed. – (member)

AWARDS, RECOGNITION & MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE

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YOUTH SHOWING SUBCOMMITTEE

Agenda items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:

1. Points earned at AQHA special event roping at NJHRA would count toward qualifying for the AQHYA World Show. – (member)
2. AQHA to invite top five finalists from the NHSRA and NJHRA finals to Youth World Show. – (member)
3. Host a Special Event rodeo the final Saturday and Sunday of the Youth World Show – that would be co-sanctioned (high school and junior high competitors). – (member)
4. The following items are recommendations from the Youth Taskforce:
 - A. Add 13 & Under at 2017 AQHYA World Show
 - B. Add Level 2, 14-18
5. Consideration of scholarship and or award money for finalist at youth world show – (member)
6. Prohibit youth from ponying horses on the show grounds.- (member)

Closing Business:

7. Voting by full committee on agenda items
8. Election of Committee Chair
9. Adjourn