

SECTION THREE (3)

SHOW RULES, AMATEUR & YOUTH REGULATIONS

These Rules and Regulations shall become effective as at 1st August 2010, and thereupon all Rules and Regulations and parts thereof and theretofore are hereby repealed, except that the status of all registrations and records made under previous rules shall remain unchanged.

The rules printed in the Australian Quarter Horse Association's Official Handbook shall be used at all AQHA approved shows and contests unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors of the Australian Quarter Horse Association.

AQHA DISCLAIMER

AQHA's Disclaimer of Responsibility for Safety of Show Participants:

Show management is responsible for the condition of show premises, including arena and exercise areas; the conduct and competence of show staff and other representatives; implementation of show activities and events; and all other aspects of the show.

The AQHA does not assume or accept duty or responsibility for safety at any show in regard to participants or any other third parties, or for the horses or other property thereof.

As an express condition of privilege to participate at an AQHA Approved show or event, each horse owner, exhibitor, trainer, and participant assumes the risks of participation and releases and discharges the AQHA, its officers, directors, representatives and employees, from any and all liability, whenever or however arising, as to personal injury property damage occurring as a result of participation in an event conducted by the show or on the show grounds thereof.

40 PROHIBITED CONDUCT

40.1 To promote competition in Association approved events, in order that the Association's records will, at all times, reflect the actual quality of equine performance, any form of conduct which inhibits competition is expressly prohibited. This offence includes not only the person suggesting the prohibited conduct, but all who participate in the scheme or plan.

40.2 Such conduct includes but is not limited to:

- a)** Padding classes by adding a horse or horses not otherwise qualified for the competition, to fill a class to increase show points.
- b)** Paying another's entry fee, directly or indirectly
- c)** Encouraging a potential competitor to refrain from entering the class.

Violation of this regulation shall disqualify from participation in the event, both the horse entered by the person paying the fee and the horse entered by the recipient, and shall be referred by the show management to the Association for disciplinary action.

40.3 To assist the Association in the promotion of true competition, any person who is approached by another to co-operate in a scheme or plan to inhibit competition, shall immediately report the matter to the Association. Failing which, the person approached may be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors, the same as the person or persons suggesting the scheme or plan.

40.4 Any contestant who is assisted by another person inside the arena or show ring will be disqualified. This does not apply to a co-contestant in a team, such as Team Roping or Cutting.

40.5 When an exhibitor, owner, and/or his/her representative acting on behalf of the exhibitor is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct and/or inhumane treatment of a horse, the AQHA can suspend the rights of such exhibitor, owner and/or his/her representative acting on behalf of the exhibitor to participate in future approved shows for such a period as judged appropriate.

The Association can bar from participation in any AQHA approved event all animals registered in such suspended person's name according to Association records during the term of his/her suspension.

40.6 An individual is absolutely responsible for horse's condition if:

- a) He/she designates himself on the entry blank as exhibitor, or authorises another to designate him/her as exhibitor on the entry blank;
- b) He/she signs the entry blank on behalf of himself/herself or another or causes an agent or representative to sign it;
- c) He/she physically participates in the event by riding or showing the horse; or
- d) He/she is the actual trainer, having presented or caused to be presented the horse at the show grounds for exhibition.

Both the exhibitor designated on the entry blank and the one having actual possession of the horse while physically participating with the horse in the event are conclusively presumed to be authorised by the owner to execute all documents necessary or convenient to allow the horse's participation in an AQHA approved event, including documents pertaining to drug testing and the use of Lasix.

If an individual is prevented from performing his/her duties, including absolute responsibility for the condition of the horse, by illness or otherwise, or is absent from the show, he/she shall immediately notify the show secretary and, at the same time, appoint a substitute and such substitute shall place his/her name on the entry blank forthwith. The exhibitor represents the owner in regard to his/her horses entered in an approved show.

40.7 Notwithstanding the general prohibition by this rule against artificial appliances, the use of a pacemaker or prosthetic eye may be permitted if the owner files written request for permission and submits such documentation as requested, which request will then be submitted to the AQHA Board for consideration after which, if the request is approved, such authorisation will be noted on the horse's registration certificate.

40.8 Drugs/Surgical Procedures

a) Any surgical procedure or administration in any form of any foreign substance or drug which could affect the horse's performance or alter its natural conformation or appearance is prohibited, except for those surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the horse.

However, no foreign substance or drug which could affect the horse's performance is acceptable, whether or not administered to protect the health of the horse, and, on the contrary, is prohibited. Upon discovery of the existence of prohibited surgery or administration in any form of foreign substance or drug, show management shall immediately report the matter to the Association.

b) Such surgical procedure or administration in any form shall be grounds for the Board of Directors, or any appropriate committee of the Association, to bar the horse from future participation in AQHA approved events or shows for such period as determined appropriate. Upon request, the owner shall deliver the horse's registration certificate to the Association for such ineligibility to be prominently marked on the face of the registration certificate. Although ownership of the horse may thereafter be transferred to another party, the transfer of ownership will not dissolve or shorten the term of ineligibility.

c) The above prohibition includes the application or administration in any form of any drug, chemical or foreign substance which results in, or could result in, restriction of the normal tail function or carriage. If, upon examination by Association or show representatives (after obtaining prior Association authorisation) a horse's tail movement is found to be abnormal, the horse shall automatically be reported to the Association. Upon written notification by the Association the horse's participation privileges in AQHA approved events may temporarily be suspended pending hearing to determine whether or not the horse's tail movement remains abnormal, with the burden of persuasion on the owner to prove normal tail movement. Participation privileges of the horse will remain temporarily suspended until a hearing, which the owner must request.

d) The exhibitor and owner are each responsible for the horse's condition, and presumed to know all rules and regulations of the Association, and the penalty provision rules. Such individual's voluntary act in entering, exhibiting or causing to be exhibited a horse in an approved show makes him/her eligible for disciplinary

sanctions, whether or not the owner or trainer had actual knowledge of the surgery or the presence of the foreign substance or drug, or directly authorised the surgical procedure or administration in any form. Purchase and subsequent exhibition of a horse with such condition in an approved show makes an individual responsible under this rule.

The definition of exhibitor as provided in the Association's rules prohibiting administration, internally or externally to a horse, of medication, drug, mechanical device, artificial appliance, pertains also to this rule.

- e)** Conventional use of pads and surgical shoes will be allowed. However, the ruling on artificial appliances will cover any unconventional types.
- f)** No person shall cause to be administered or used internally or externally to a horse, either before or during an approved event, any medication, drug or mechanical device, or artificial appliance which is of such character as could affect its performance at that event. Upon discovery of administration or use of such drug, medication, mechanical device or artificial appliance, show managements shall immediately report the matter to the Association.
- g)** Any action or substance administered externally or internally whether drugs or otherwise, which may interfere with the testing procedure or mask or screen the presence of such drugs, is forbidden.
- h)** It shall be the responsibility of the show management to forward to the AQHA office complete information in writing concerning a forbidden substance case or refusal to allow testing.

40.9 Presence of such medication or drug in a horse participating in an AQHA approved event shall be grounds for the AQHA Board or other appropriate committee of the Association to take the following action:

- a)** The horse shall be disqualified from all classes in which participates at the show.
- b)** Bar the horse from participation in further AQHA approved events or shows for such period as determined appropriate.
- c)** Upon request, the owner shall deliver the horse's registration certificate to be held during the period of the horse's suspension from participation. Although ownership of such horse may, thereafter, be transferred to another party, the transfer of ownership will not dissolve or shorten the terms of these suspensions.
- d)** The responsible individual, as defined in this rule, may be disciplined under the Association's general disciplinary procedure.

- e) The above specified individuals are absolutely responsible for a horse's condition, are presumed to know the rules and regulations of the association and the penalty provisions of said rules, and their voluntary action in presenting or causing their horse to be presented at show grounds for exhibition, entering a horse or exhibiting one in an approved show, and their absolute responsibility for the condition of the horse makes them eligible for disciplinary sanctions, whether or not they had actual knowledge of the presence of a forbidden drug, directly participating in the administration thereof, innocently miscalculated its retention time in the horse's system, or any other reason for its presence established.
- f) It is presumed the sample of urine, saliva, blood or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the horse in question, its integrity is preserved, and that all procedures of same, collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate, and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the horse in question and correctly reflects the condition of the horse during the show in which it was entered with the burden on the exhibitor or other responsible party to prove otherwise at any hearing of the matter conducted by the Association.
- g) Pending final hearing by the AQHA or such other appropriate hearing committee, the Board may, by giving written notice of its action to the owner on record at his/her current address shown on the Association's records, temporarily suspend such horse from further participation in an AQHA approved event or show.
- h) If show management desires to conduct their own drug testing, it must obtain written authorisation from the AQHA and a set of instructions as to the procedure for the testing. Drug testing is mandatory at State and National Quarter Horse Championship shows.
- i) At any AQHA approved show, only State or provincial Associations or representatives of show management, acting pursuant to AQHA rules, or the AQHA, may request specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other substances for drug testing or require payment of drug testing fees as condition for entry.
- Drug testing fees charged by an approved show are subject to prior approval by the AQHA.
- j) If show management, or a State Quarter Horse Association, desires to conduct its own surgical alteration inspections, they must obtain prior written authorisation from the AQHA and obtain instructions for procedures. Such inspections are to be conducted by a Registered Veterinarian.
- k) Every exhibitor shall, upon request of show management or an AQHA representative, permit a specimen of urine, saliva, blood or other substance to be taken for testing. Refusal to comply with such request shall constitute grounds for immediate disqualification of the horse from further participation at the show, shall bar the horse from

participation in future AQHA approved events or shows for such a period as determined by the AQHA Board or other appropriate committee, and shall constitute grounds for suspension of the Association membership.

l) If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood or other sample taken from the horse, indicates the presence of a foreign substance, forbidden drug or medication, this shall be taken as prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the horse either internally or externally.

41 ANIMAL WELFARE

41.1 No person shall treat any horse in a cruel or inhumane manner, including, but not limited to, the prohibited conduct specified in the Show and Contest Rules and Regulations.

41.2 Cruelty to horses other than Australian Quarter Horses is included in this prohibition, as it indicates a general course of dealing with horses which is unacceptable for AQHA membership qualification.

41.3 For violation of this rule, an AQHA member may be disciplined, suspended, fined and/or expelled from the AQHA.

41.4 This prohibition against cruelty includes, but is not limited to, AQHA members and/or owners of Australian Quarter Horses, their agents, representatives and employees, the actions for which a member or owner are also responsible.

41.5 A conviction of an individual under State or Federal Law, for an offence of cruelty to, or inhumane treatment of, a horse, or judicial confiscation of a horse, whether or not an Australian Quarter Horse is involved, shall constitute a presumption of violation of this rule.

41.6 The AQHA may accept suspension rulings pertaining to cruel or inhumane treatment of horses from other recognised equine related associations and State racing commissions. The effect of which is to automatically suspend the individual from AQHA membership privileges, or deny such privileges, for a length of time equal to the suspension for which reciprocity is given.

41.7 No person on show grounds, including but not limited to barns, stalls, practice areas or show arena may treat a horse in an inhumane manner which includes but is not limited to:

a) Placing an object in a horse's mouth so as to cause undue discomfort or distress;

b) Tying a horse in a manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress in a stall, trailer or whilst lunging;

c) Letting blood from a horse;

d) Use of inhumane equipment, including but not limited to, saw tooth bits, hock hobbles, tack collars or tack hackamores;

- e) Use of inhumane training techniques or methods such as poling - striking horses' legs with an object (i.e. tack poles, jump poles, etc.) or use of a bit to reprimand a horse;
 - f) Any item or appliance that restricts movement or circulation of the tail; or
 - g) Intentional inhumane treatment that results in bleeding.
- 41.8** All horses shall at all times be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion. The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedure, or veterinary standards, would determine to be cruel, abusive or inhumane.
- 41.9** Upon a report or discovery of inhumane treatment show management shall investigate the incident and report it to the AQHA using the AQHA procedure as supplied to the approved Show/Event management.

42 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR HALTER CLASSES

Any horse entered for competition at an AQHA Approved show must have been issued a Registration Certificate or Appendix Certificate by the Australian Quarter Horse Association before it is eligible to compete in an approved halter class.

Geldings which are still listed as stallions according to AQHA records at the time the show results are processed will be disqualified.

43 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PERFORMANCE CLASSES

- 43.1** Only stallions, mares, spayed mares and geldings two years old and older are eligible to compete in approved performance classes or contests. See Rule 44 for age clarification.

The exception being, that yearlings may compete and earn points in the Amateur, Select Amateur and Youth Showmanship at Halter classes also yearlings may compete in Led Trail, Hunter in Hand and Yearling on Lunge.

- 43.2** Only horses for which a Registration Certificate or Appendix Certificate has been issued by AQHA or other relevant breed society are eligible to participate in approved performance classes. Proof of age must be available on request and all horses must match their papers.

44. AGE REQUIREMENTS – PERFORMANCE CLASSES

For the purpose of determining eligibility for competition the age of a horse shall be calculated on the basis of a breeding calendar year starting 1st August every year. For example, a horse foaled any time between 1st August 2008 and 31st July 2009 (weanling) for the breeding records the foal is a 2008 born horse. It is considered to be one (1) year old on 1st August 2009 (yearling) and two (2) years old on 1st August 2010.

44.1 Three Year Olds

A three (3) year old class may be offered in Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail only. In those cases, the 3 year old may only compete in either the 3 year old or junior horse categories, not in both. A horse may compete in a Three Year Old class from 1st August of its three (3) year old year. A 3 year old is eligible to compete in a Junior Horse category if there is no 3 year old event on the program.

44.2 Two Year Olds

a) No two (2) year old horse may be shown under saddle in any AQHA approved show/event prior to 1st January of its two (2) year old year and providing they are a minimum of 22 months of age.

b) A two (2) year old class may be offered in Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle and Trail only. In those cases, the 2 year old may only compete in either the 2 year old or junior horse categories, not in both. A 2 year old may only compete in a maximum of five (5) ridden classes at an approved show.

44.3 Weanlings

Weanlings can NOT be shown before 1st January of their weanling year and must have reached a minimum age of 18 weeks.

44.4 Age Groupings

a) SENIOR HORSE - six (6) years and over. In Western, must be shown in a bit.

b) JUNIOR HORSE - five (5) years and under. In Western, may be shown in either a bit, hackamore or snaffle bit.

c) THREE YEAR OLD – In Western may be shown in either a bit, hackamore or snaffle bit.

d) TWO YEAR OLD - In Western may be shown in either a hackamore or snaffle bit.

45 SHOW APPROVAL

45.1 Show approval is a privilege, not a right, granted or rejected at the AQHA's discretion on an annual basis according to continuous evaluation of the applicant including, but not limited to, competence of show management; enforcement of AQHA Rules and Regulations; quality of show; and service to AQHA members.

Applicants desiring to hold an AQHA approved show must apply for AQHA approval on an official application form prior to the show, and within the specified time depending on the class of show, (See Rule 47), if show results are to be recorded by the AQHA and points awarded to the horses earning such.

45.2 Organisations, societies or individuals wishing to stage or sponsor Approved Shows or contests must obtain the approval of the AQHA if the results of such shows are to be entered into the Association's records and points are to be awarded to the horses which are placed sufficiently high in that show or contest.

Approval does not carry from year to year, but must be obtained for each individual show or contest.

45.3 All approved point earning classes run at an AQHA Approved Show must be run in accordance with AQHA Rules and Regulations.

45.4 The AQHA reserves the right to approve only the number of shows per calendar year as it deems appropriate for any organisation or management.

45.5 There will be no approval given to any show on the dates of the AQHA National Show or on the day of the Annual General Meeting unless sanctioned by a majority of the Board of Directors and there will be no approval given to any State Championship show within twenty-one (21) days of the National Show in the state that the National Show is conducted.

45.6 There will be no approval given to any Show in the same State on the same dates as that State's Championship Show or any scheduled Judging Seminar in that State.

45.7 No AQHA Show can be approved on the same day as an already approved show within 150km normal road distance.

45.8 Approval for shows in the following points year are subject to any rules which become effective from 1st August of that year.

45.9 No show is approved until all paperwork, as requested by the Association, is completed and correct. The Show application must be received by the AQHA office within the specified time depending on the class of show (see Rule 47).

45.10 No changes can be made to an approved program that will affect the approval of such program. ie: The minimum number and name of events must be adhered to according to the class of show that has been approved. However changing the running order of an approved event is permissible.

45.11 It is strongly recommended that approved shows have a nominated closing date for entries. Once entries close, committees will be aware of the response and can better organise the show in regard to eligibility of entrants/horses, patterns and judging requirements etc

45.12 All approved AQHA shows must be judged by an AQHA judge or a visiting international judge who holds a current Judges ticket from an AQHA approved Association.

If the application for approval is satisfactory, the AQHA office will issue a statement of official approval of the proposed show or contest.

If such application for approval is unsatisfactory, the AQHA office will so inform the organisation making the application - giving the reasons for not approving the show or contest. Lack of approval of any certain class in a proposed show or contest, however, need not invalidate the recognition of the remainder of the show or contest.

45.13 Any advertising of prize money for an approved performance event must also include an advertised guaranteed minimum prize for the event. If entry fees are to be jackpotted the minimum number of entries before jackpotting must be stated on the show program.

45.14 If money prizes are offered, the fixed amount of each prize must be stated on each event on the program. Special prizes do not have to appear on the program, but it is recommended because it enhances the attractiveness of the show or contest. The show or committee is not required to award any un-won prizes.

45.15 Approval may be obtained to hold Junior and Senior classes for any approved Quarter Horse performance events, except Western Pleasure, Trail, Hunter Under Saddle, which may be divided into four (4) classes and Reining and Working Cowhorse events, which may be divided into three (3) classes.

a) Only senior horses may be exhibited in a senior class. Senior horses are six (6) years old and over.

b) Only junior horses may be exhibited in a junior class. Junior horses are five (5) years old and under.

c) Three year old class (restricted to Western Pleasure, Hunter under saddle and trail) See Rulr 44.

d) Two year old class (restricted to Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle and Trail). See Rule 44.

45.16 To gain AQHA approval, an approved performance event must be open to Quarter Horse owners and competitors who are members in good standing with the Association. Approved performance events may be open to horses of other breeds. Exception AQHA State Championship and National Championship shows.

45.17 Show management should provide a Youth division for junior exhibitors, 18 years of age and under as of 1st August of the preceding year (see Youth Rules and Regulations 62) and an Amateur and Select Amateur division for eligible Amateur exhibitors (see Amateur Rules and Regulations 61).

Exception: All approved 'AA', State and National Championship shows **MUST** have Youth, Amateur and Select Amateur classes. All Amateurs/Select Amateurs must hold a recognised Amateur/Select Amateur Permit to enter an Amateur/Select Amateur class at an approved show.

45.18 The following schedule of ribbons is recommended for both halter and show contests:

1st place	blue
2nd place	red
3rd place	yellow
4th place	white
5th place	pink
6th place	green
7th place	purple
8th place	brown
9th place	dark grey
10th place	light blue
Champion	red, white and blue
Reserve Champion	purple

45.19 High Point Awards at Approved Shows

At Approved Shows, High Point Horse Awards must be advertised as either High Point Performance Horse (all Performance events excluding Halter), or High Point Horse which includes Halter and Performance.

a) High Point Awards at Approved Shows shall be awarded in the following manner:

If 6 or more in the class 6 points for 1st; 5 points for 2nd; 4 points for 3rd; 3 points for 4th; 2 points for 5th; 1 point for 6th .

If 5 in the class 5 points for 1st; 4 points for 2nd; 3 points for 3rd; 2 points for 4th; 1 point for 5th.

If 4 in the class 4 points for 1st; 3 points for 2nd; 2 points for 3rd; 1 point for 4th.

If 3 in the class 3 points for 1st; 2 points for 2nd; 1 point for 3rd.

If 2 in the class 2 points for 1st; 1 point for 2nd.

If 1 in the class 1 point for 1st.

b) Points NOT included in High Point Horse of Show are:

Points earned for Champion & Reserve Champion at Halter

Special events i.e. Futurities etc.

c) High Point Award must include the relevant point scoring events as on the show program e.g. "All approved Youth events to go to High Point Youth", "All approved Amateur Owner events to go to High Point Amateur Owner".

d) It is recommended that in the case of a tie occurring in a High Point Award the tie will be broken by:

i) The greatest number of first place ribbons.

ii) The greatest number of second place ribbons.

iii) The greatest number of third place ribbons, and so on.

46 SHOW FEES

- 46.1** An entry fee may be charged, but if charged it must be charged uniformly to all exhibitors in the class. Such a fee is to be collected by show management and paid by the entering party, not paid or reimbursed by a third party, particularly another competitor in the class.
- 46.2** Show management shall maintain adequate written records, sufficient to establish to the Association's satisfaction, upon request, that each exhibitor's entry fee was paid as required above. Such records shall be preserved for at least twelve (12) months from the date of the show. Failure to maintain and preserve such records shall be cause for the Association to disallow the class and either refuse entry of show results or, if previously entered, remove them from the Association's record.
- 46.3** Failure on the part of Show Management to either maintain or preserve such records as required above shall create the assumption that the requisite fees in question were not paid in accordance with the above rule, with the burden of persuasion on Show Management and the individual exhibitor to prove otherwise.
- 46.4** Entry fees, if any, to be charged for a class must be specified on the application. Any scheduled class to be held with no entry fee must be so designated on the show application. No change in specific entry fee shall be permitted after approval without permission from the AQHA Board.
- 46.5** Any additional fees (office charges, etc.) shall be charged uniformly to all competitors.
- 46.6** No AQHA member shall be required to be a member of any Affiliate in order to compete at an approved show.
- 46.7** No person can pay an entry fee for an event and or take part in an event and then declare that they are not to be judged in that event. All exhibitors that enter the ring are to be judged.

47 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVED SHOWS

To obtain Show Program Approval the following criteria must be met:

47.1 "A" Approved Agricultural Show

- a)** To gain "A" points in any type of events other than those listed under approved performance bodies, the following system will apply:
- b)** Written application thirty (30) clear days prior to the show on the official form. NB: Name of Judge MUST be lodged with the AQHA Office 21 days before the first day of the show
- c)** AQHA Accredited or Associate Judge or an AmQHA International/AmQHA Judge holding a current Judges ticket. NB: A AQHA Accredited Trail Judge may officiate the trail classes only.

- d) All approved shows which have an AmQHA judge are encouraged to run the minimum approved AmQHA show program.
- e) Appropriate application fee (non-refundable). (see Annex A)
- f) No prize money required.
- g) Results are to be forwarded to the AQHA by the Show Secretary within fourteen (14) days after completion of the show. If not adhered to, future show approvals may be denied. (See Rule 50)

h) Mandatory Halter Events "A" Agricultural Shows

Minimum of six (6) Halter classes restricted to Quarter Horses only registered with the AQHA:

- Stallion 4 years and over
- Colt 3 years and under
- CHAMPION AND RESERVE
- Gelding 4 years and over
- Gelding 3 years and under
- CHAMPION AND RESERVE
- Mare 4 years and over
- Filly 3 years and under
- CHAMPION AND RESERVE

If Amateur or Youth Halter events are conducted then Champion and Reserve classes must be run.

Note: Refer to Rule 87 for further Halter information.

Note: No Supreme award will be given points.

i) Mandatory Performance Events for "A" Agricultural Shows

Minimum 1 Trail class

Minimum 1 Western Pleasure class

Minimum 1 Hunter Under Saddle class

If the minimum of only one Trail, one Western Pleasure and one Hunter Under Saddle class is held, these classes must be "ALL AGE".

For other divisions see AGE GROUPINGS Rule 44.4 (Two year old rule applies, Rule 44.2)

All events that are to be run on the program MUST be listed on the program when applying for approval.

47.2 "A" Approved Shows (other than Agricultural)

- a) To gain "A" points in any type of events other than those listed under approved performance bodies, the following system will apply:
- b) Written application thirty (30) clear days prior to the show on the official form. NB: Name of Judge MUST be lodged with the AQHA Office 21 days before the first day of the show.

- c) AQHA Accredited or Associate Judge or an AmQHA International/AmQHA Judge holding a current Judges ticket. NB: An AQHA Accredited Trail Judge may officiate the trail classes only.
- d) All approved shows which have an AmQHA judge are encouraged to run the minimum approved AmQHA show program.
- e) Appropriate application fee (non-refundable). (see Annex A)
- f) No prize money required.
- g) Results are to be forwarded to the AQHA by the Show Secretary within fourteen (14) days after completion of the show. If not adhered to, future show approvals may be denied. (See Rule 50)

h) Mandatory Halter Events "A" Shows

Minimum of six (6) Halter classes restricted to Quarter Horses only registered with the AQHA:

- Stallion 4 years and over
- Colt 3 years and under
- CHAMPION AND RESERVE
- Gelding 4 years and over
- Gelding 3 years and under
- CHAMPION AND RESERVE
- Mare 4 years and over
- Filly 3 years and under
- CHAMPION AND RESERVE

If Amateur or Youth Halter events are conducted then Champion and Reserve classes must be run.

NB: If 3 classes only are to be held it is suggested that (August to December) Yearling, 2 & 3 yr olds, 4yrs & over. (January to July) Weanling, 1yr to 3 yrs, 4 yrs & over.

Note: Refer to Rule 87 for further Halter information.

Note: No Supreme award will be given points.

i) Mandatory Performance Events "A" Shows

The minimum classes listed must be provided:

Youth – Showmanship, Trail, Western Pleasure and Hunter Under Saddle

Amateur – Showmanship, Trail, Western Pleasure and Hunter Under Saddle

Junior Horse - Trail, Western Pleasure and Hunter Under Saddle

Senior Horse – Trail, Western Pleasure and Hunter Under Saddle

For other divisions see AGE GROUPINGS Rule 44.4 (Two year old rule applies, Rule 44) Youth Division Rule 62 and Amateur Division Rule 61

All events that are to be offered at that show must be listed on the program when applying for approval.

47.3"AA" Approved Show

- a) To gain "AA" points in any type of events other than those listed under approved performance bodies, the following system will apply:
- b) Written application sixty (60) clear days prior to the show on the official form. Name of Judge MUST be lodged with the AQHA Office 21 days before the first day of the show.
- c) Minimum \$750 mandatory prize money. This prize money is to be paid out and split between at least five (5) of the Open mandatory events (excluding Cutting, Youth & Amateur). Extra events i.e. Futurities etc. must advertise guaranteed minimum prize money or be advertised as Jackpot only.
- d) AQHA Accredited or AmQHA International/AmQHA Judge holding a current Judges ticket. NB: An AQHA Accredited Trail Judge may officiate the trail classes.
- e) All approved shows which have an AmQHA judge are encouraged to run the minimum approved AmQHA show program.
- f) Appropriate application fee (non refundable). (see Annex A)
- g) Results forwarded to the AQHA from the Show Secretary within fourteen (14) days after completion of the show. If not adhered to, future show approvals may be denied. (See Rule 50).
- h) For a show to meet minimum requirements and have its results recognised, there must be a minimum of twenty- four (24) registered Quarter Horses entered and exhibited in approved classes or contests (i.e. throughout the whole show).

All events that are to be offered at that show must be listed on the program when applying for approval

i) Minimum Mandatory Halter Events for "AA" Shows

Note: No beginner/improver/Novice/Green Rider or Rookie type events can be held at "AA" shows. Minimum of twelve (12) Halter classes restricted to Quarter Horses only registered with the AQHA:

Yearling Colt

2yo Colt

3yo Colt

4yo & Over Stallion

CHAMPION AND RESERVE

Yearling Gelding

2yo Gelding

3yo Gelding

4yo & Over Gelding

CHAMPION AND RESERVE

Yearling Filly

2yo Filly

3yo Filly

4yo & Over Mare

CHAMPION AND RESERVE

If Amateur or Youth Halter events are conducted then Champion and Reserve classes must be run.

Note: Refer to Rule 87 for further Halter information.

j) Minimum Mandatory Performance Events for “AA Shows

(Two year old rule applies, Rule 44)

• Western Pleasure

If two (2) classes are held, they are to be Senior and Junior horse classes;

i) If three (3) classes are held from 1st August to 31st December, they are to be Senior, Junior and Three year old classes. From 1st January to 31st July if only 3 classes are to be held they are to be Senior, Junior and either a Three year old or a Two year old.

ii) If four (4) classes are held, they are to be Senior, Junior, Three year old and Two year old classes.

• Hunter Under Saddle

iii) If two (2) classes are held, they are to be Senior and Junior horse classes;

iv) If three (3) classes are held from 1st August to 31st December, they are to be Senior, Junior and Three year old classes. From 1st January to 31st July if only 3 classes are to be held they are to be Senior, Junior and either a Three year old or a Two year old.

v) If four (4) classes are held, they are to be Senior, Junior, Three year old and Two year old classes.

• Trail

vi) If two (2) classes are held they are to be Senior and Junior horse classes;

vii) If three (3) (3) classes are held from 1st August to 31st December they are to be Senior, Junior and Three year old classes. From 1st January to 31st July if only 3 classes are to be held they are to be Senior, Junior and either a Three year old or a Two year old.

viii) If four (4) classes are held, they are to be Senior, Junior, Three year old and Two year old classes.

• Reining

ix) If two (2) classes are held they are to be Senior and Junior horse classes; or

x) If three (3) classes are held they are to be Senior, Junior and Snaffle Bit/Hackamore.

Note: The arena surface for Reining at Approved Shows must be SAFE, being either lightly ploughed and harrowed, or a suitably soft surface (sand, loam, sawdust,

tanbark etc). Hard surface, grass or uncovered trotting tracks etc do not constitute safe arena surfaces.

- **Western Riding** (Option if no suitable Reining surface available)

xi) All Age; or

xii) If two (2) classes are held they are to be Senior and Junior horse classes.

- **Youth Events**

Western Horsemanship

Hunt Seat Equitation

Minimum of a Junior and Senior Youth Division in each of the following events:

Showmanship

Western Pleasure

Trail

Hunter Under Saddle

- **Amateur**

Showmanship

Western Horsemanship

Hunt Seat Equitation

And a minimum of a Junior Amateur & Senior Amateur division in each of the following events:

Western Pleasure, Trail, and Hunter Under Saddle

- **Select Amateur** – a minimum of the following events:

Showmanship

Western Pleasure

Trail

Hunter Under Saddle

ADDITIONAL APPROVED EVENTS MAY BE ADDED TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE.

47.4 Show Approval RWD Events

- a) Show management can apply for AQHA approval of these events on a voluntary basis and assumption of responsibility for safety by Show Management is required by AQHA as an express condition for AQHA to grant approval for these events. To obtain tentative AQHA approval, application must be submitted a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to the event on forms either provided by or acceptable to AQHA, stating the date and location of the desired event.
- b) Competition may be held in conjunction with an existing AQHA show or held as a standalone event.
- c) See Rule 113 for rules pertaining to RWD event qualifications.

47.5 Multi Judged Show

A Multi Judged show is defined as: the use of 2 judges judging independently of each other at one show. Each of the Judges placings will result in separate results being submitted to the Association, therefore 2 sets of points will be awarded. 2 Show approval fees to be paid accordingly depending on the class of show.

All AQHA Affiliates will be permitted to run one (1) Multi Judge Show per show season. That show can be either

(i) 2 X “A” class shows or (ii) 1 X “A” class and 1 X “AA” class shows.

2 X “A” shows - Application for approval must be on one application form and the Affiliate must nominate the Judges to the Association 21 days before the first day of the show.

“A” and “AA” shows – Application for approval must be on 2 separate application forms and the Affiliates must nominate which judge will be judging the “A” and “AA” shows to the Association 21 days before the first day of the show.

Affiliates must place a notice, at the venue prior to commencement of the show, for all members to be made aware who is judging the “A” and who is judging the “AA” show.

All rules and regulations pertaining to approved classes and prize money must be adhered to as per the type of show being held.

It is recommended that two sets of High Point Awards are presented and that they be of similar standard and value.

Applications must be received by the Association 60 days prior to the show date for a Multi Judged Show. All events being held at this event must be on the program when applying for approval.

47.6 Multi Judged Consecutive Show

A Multi Judged Consecutive Show is defined as: 2 AQHA Affiliates applying for approval to run the same program over a maximum of two days at the same time. All classes are run only once, with both judges judging independently.

AQHA Affiliates will be permitted to run one (1) Multi judged Consecutive show per show season. 2 AQHA Affiliates apply for approval, on separate application forms, paying the appropriate fees, to run the same program over two days at the same time.

This show can be either “A” or “AA” approved. Each of the the two judges placings will result in separate results being submitted by each Affiliate to the Association, therefore two sets of points will be awarded.

All requirements for “A” or “AA” approval must be met depending on the class of show being held.

Both Affiliates must award the same prize money on the same classes, ribbons and trophies must be of similar standard and value. It is recommended that 2 sets of High Point Awards be presented and they be of similar standard and value.

Judges names must be filed with the Association 21 days prior to the first day of the show.

Applications must be received by the Association 60 days prior to the show date for a Multi Judged Show. All events being held at this event must be on the program when applying for approval

48 STATE AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW RULES

48.1 All State and National Championship shows must fulfil "AA" show criteria.

48.2 Application for State and National Championship shows must be lodged with the Association by the 1st August in any year. for the coming show season. Name of Judge must be lodged with the Association 60 days prior to first day of show.

48.3 State and National Championship shows will use an AmQHA Judge who holds a current Judges ticket. Where the organisers of a State Championship show are unable to retain an AmQHA Judge they are encouraged to obtain an AmQHA International Judge who holds a current judges ticket.

48.4 All State Championship Shows must be tendered for. Applications must be approved by the Board of Directors.

a) No approval can be given to conduct State Championships without a program of events being submitted.

b) All Affiliates in that State may tender to run that State's State Championships.

c) At State and National Championships the Show secretary and the Show Manager must be financial AQHA members.

48.5 AFFILIATE ENTITLEMENTS

If an Affiliate is granted approval to run an AQHA State Show –

If the State show offers prize money to the value of \$3000 or more then the Affiliate will receive a \$2000 subsidy from the AQHA.

If the State show offers prize money up to and including \$2999 then the Affiliate will receive a \$500 subsidy from the AQHA.

If the State show offers a minimum of \$1500 prize money on the AmQHA events on the program then the Affiliate will receive a \$1000 subsidy from the AQHA.

If the State show offers no prize money or Jackpots the AmQHA events on the program then the Affiliate will receive a \$400 subsidy from the AQHA.

If the State Shows employs a USA Judge then the Affiliate will receive a \$2000 subsidy from the AQHA

If the State Shows employs a Oceania Judge, who must judge AmQHA classes, then the Affiliate will receive a \$500 subsidy from the AQHA

If the State Shows employs an Australian Judge then the Affiliate will receive a \$300 subsidy from the AQHA

The State show will receive \$100 per test from the AQHA toward vet fees. (maximum of 3 test)

48.6At State and National Championships shows, no immediate family (spouse, defacto partner, in-laws, son, daughter, father, mother, sister or brother) of the show manager, show secretary, arena director or ring steward may enter or exhibit horses. Under Exceptional Circumstances Show Staff may request, in writing to the AQHA office, for dispensation for their families to exhibit.

48.7Any horse shown or used at an AQHA State or National Championship Show as a helping horse in Cutting, Heading, Heeling and Team Penning must be a registered Australian Quarter Horse.

48.8At State and National Championship Shows all horses competing in approved events must be registered with the AQHA and the owners of the horses must be current financial members of the AQHA.

a) The State and National Show Program must run continuously through out the day, therefore any unapproved events or events open to other breeds must be run before the show commences on that day or after the show has concluded on that day.

48.9At State and National Championship Shows all competitors (being riders and led event handlers) must be current financial members of the AQHA in their own right.

48.10It is MANDATORY for State and National Championship Shows to DRUG TEST a minimum of three (3) horses. See Rule 40. With the exception of Tasmania and Northern Territory who must test a minimum of one (1).

Drug testing is to be carried out on a minimum of 1 Halter and 2 Performance events.

48.11**Minimum Mandatory Prize Money at State Championship Shows**

a) Queensland, Victoria, NSW, \$2000 minimum, all other States minimum of \$750

b) State Championship Shows held in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria will use American judges.

c) NT, SA, TAS and WA State Championship Shows- Where the organisers of these State Championship shows are unable or unwilling to retain an American judge, the show organisers can appoint an accredited AQHA Judge.

d) All State shows who employ an AmQHA judge must run the minimum approved AmQHA Show programme.

e) No AQHA member shall be required to be a member of any organisation (State, Regional Affiliate) in order to compete in an approved class. It is a condition of State bodies receiving the AQHA subsidy that financial members of the AQHA should not be required to pay membership to the State body in order to compete in State Championships.

49 MISCELLANEOUS SHOW RULES

49.1 It is the duty of competitors to report to the AQHA office within ten (10) days, any infraction of rules for approved performance events. Where an infraction is proved, points for that event may, at the Association's discretion, be disallowed.

49.2 A person expelled or suspended or not in good standing with the Association may not exhibit or act as a handler at any approved performance event.

Points will not be awarded to any horse exhibited or handled by a person so expelled, suspended or not in good standing with the Association.

Persons as described above are prohibited from entering the Official marshalling areas and show arena at any time for the duration of any AQHA approved show.

For the purposes of this rule, exhibition/competition is deemed to have commenced when the exhibit and/or rider/handler has entered the marshalling area or has come under the direct control of show management (Typically Marshall/Steward) prior to entering the arena.

49.3 Any person owning or leasing the grounds on which a show is being held shall be prohibited from using said ownership to influence the outcome of any show held on the property.

49.4 Any AQHA approved show which fails to pay for services rendered by third parties in connection with the holding of the approved shows (i.e., judge's fees, cattle charges, facilities, etc.) or prize monies to the exhibitors, can be denied AQHA approval for present and future shows.

Further, the Show Manager and/or Show Secretary can be denied privileges of the Association and suspended from membership.

49.5 By entry and participation in AQHA approved shows an owner and exhibitor agrees that the Association, Show management and their agents and representatives may photograph, film or tape any portion thereof, and use their likenesses and that of the exhibited horses for training, promotional or other legitimate purpose of either organisation, without necessity of remuneration.

49.6 No show management may require an exhibitor to enter, or pay entry fee of a horse in a halter event in order for that horse to be eligible for an approved performance event or vice versa. Nor may an exhibitor be required to enter or pay entry fees for a horse in a performance event for that horse to be eligible for other performance events. Provided that this rule shall not apply to futurity type events which require ongoing sustaining payments for future contests. Also exempt are high point awards.

49.7 The onus is on the person to have the correct names, registration numbers, etc., on the entry form(s). Failure to do so may result in NO POINTS being awarded for the entry(s).

- 49.8** An exhibitor is responsible for errors on the entry blanks.
A horse entered in the wrong class may be transferred to its correct class after the judging program has been printed.
- 49.9** Any horses entered in an approved AQHA show or contest must be listed under his registered name and number. To be eligible for AQHA points a horse must be exhibited under its complete registered name. Entries shall be made in the name of the recorded owner.
- 49.10** An exhibitor may enter one (1) or more horses in a class but each horse may have only one (1) rider per class.
- 49.11** Show management may inspect the registration certificate (or certified copy of both sides of the registration certificate) of each horse entered in an approved class.
- 49.12** Show management will issue exhibitors separate entry numbers for each horse entered. Failure by exhibitor to wear correct number will result in disqualification. (See Rule 80)
- 49.13** Any contestant withdrawing from a contest after competing shall forfeit any fees and all go-round money which may be accruing to him/her at the time of his/her withdrawal, except that in the case of incapacitating sickness or injury to himself/herself or his/her horse or any serious illness or death in the contestant's family, all prize monies won by him/her to that point in the contest shall be paid.
- 49.14** It is mandatory that all patterns and courses be posted at least one (1) hour prior to the class commencing.
- 49.15** Junior and Senior classes, Junior and Snaffle Bit Hackamore classes or all three (3) classes (Senior, Junior and Snaffle Bit/Hackamore) may be combined only when there are two (2) or less entries in one or both divisions, or all age classes split at the direction of the judge and the show management with the unanimous consent of all exhibitors involved in the class (or classes) in question.
- If a show wishes to combine a Junior and Senior bit Reining class and has a Snaffle Bit/Hackamore Reining class, the Snaffle Bit/Hackamore class will still be recognised as an approved class. Entries will be accepted after a class is combined.
- 49.16** Unapproved/non AQHA events may not be run in conjunction with AQHA approved events at the same time e.g. AQHA Hunter Under Saddle run as Bridle Path Hack under other rules.
- 49.17** In all performance classes, all horses shown under saddle are to be ridden astride.
- 49.18** The fall of a horse or rider being judged shall be cause for disqualification in all classes except for Team Penning.
- A horse is considered to have fallen when he is on his side and all four feet are extended in the same direction.
- Rider is considered to have fallen when he or she is not astride.

- 49.19** No exhibitor may be tied, buckled or fastened in the saddle in any manner or by any means during competition.(exception Rule 113)
- 49.20** In all performance classes where each entry performs individually, the order of competition shall be determined by Show Management. Also Rule 89.1
- 49.21** Whether or not entries perform individually, all horses entered in a class must be assembled in ample time for judging to start on time and continued without delay. They must remain in readiness until dismissed by the judge. A tardy contestant may be denied access to competition.
- 49.22** It is recommended for horses working on the rail that each individual have approximately 4.5 metres (16') between himself/herself and the next horse.
- 49.23** The management of any contest shall determine whether or not an elimination is necessary, the number of go rounds to be held and the number of horses to be shown at each performance.
- 49.24** If there is an elimination, each horse must be ridden by the same rider who rode it in the elimination.
- 49.25** Re-runs will not be allowed in instances of equipment failure. When exhibitor equipment failure causes a delay or a run to be discontinued, the judge will disqualify the entry, except in Working Hunter (refer to Rule 100).
- 49.26** At all AQHA approved shows on the day of the show there will be no training equipment allowed in the immediate marshalling area and the performance arena from one (1) hour before the nominated commencement time of the show to one (1) hour after the cessation of events on each day.
- 49.27** Youth members, or competitors, aged 18 years and under are not permitted to handle/ride/exhibit colts/stallions at any AQHA Show. The only exception is NCHA/NRHA or Reining Australia affiliated events.This rule is to be strictly enforced by show management.

50 SHOW RESULTS

50.1 The results of any approved show or contest must be completed in their entirety on official forms or electronic files replicating those forms as prescribed by the Association and forwarded to the Association office. All forms necessary to report the results of an approved show will be supplied by the Show Management.

If fewer than five (5) competed in the class, all horses in the class shall be listed in order.

50.2 The Association will provide master copies suitable for reproduction by the Show Management of all required forms.

- 50.3** If the Show Management does not report the show results to the Association in such time that they will be postmarked no later than fourteen (14) days after the closing day of the said show, this may result in approval of any subsequent or future shows being denied until those results are received. If results are not received in the above mentioned time frame then points will not be allocated.
- 50.4** All Yellow point sheets must be in the office within 14 days of the last day of the show or results will not be accepted.
- 50.5** The Show Management must report on the official forms the full names of all horses, together with their registration numbers, all Youth and Amateur names and membership numbers, placing and the name and membership number of the rider/handler together with the exact number of contestants in the event.
- 50.6** All Approved Shows must use an entry form which contains all information required in accordance with Rule 50.4. These forms must be completed by each person entering the show and returned to the Show Secretary. Once in the possession of the Show Secretary these forms must be kept for a period of at least twelve (12) months and must be available for inspection by the AQHA during that period.

51 SHOW OFFICIALS

- 51.1** Attire- All officials at an AQHA approved show shall wear western attire including Western hat, long sleeved shirt with collar (band, standup, tuxedo etc), tie or neckwear and western boots.
- 51.2** It is preferred at AQHA approved shows that no Show Manager, Show Secretary, Arena Director or Steward exhibit horses where he/she is officiating.
- 51.3** Any reputable person may act in the capacity of Show Secretary who can furnish proof that he/she is capable through ability and experience and is familiar with AQHA rules and regulations.
- 51.4** It is recommended that the Show Secretary be a current financial member of the AQHA.
- 51.5** The Show Secretary may not hold the position of Show Manager or Ring Steward at a show at which he or she serves as the Show Secretary.
- 51.6** The Show Secretary shall be held responsible for any fees collected on behalf of the AQHA and AQHYA. In addition, any cash payments made to the Show Secretary for these fees shall be converted to a money order or cheque before being sent to the AQHA.
- 51.7** Any reputable person may act in the capacity of Show Manager and/or Arena Director who can furnish proof that he/she is capable through ability or experience. It is recommended that the Show Manager and/or Arena Director be a current financial AQHA member.

- 51.8** The Show Manager and/or Arena Director shall be the person in charge of the show or contest, but may not hold the position of Show Secretary or Ring Steward at the show of which they are Manager.
- 51.9** The Show Manager and/or Arena Director shall have authority to enforce all rules and regulations referring to the show or contest. He/she may excuse any horse or exhibitor from the show or contest prior to, or during, the judging.
- 51.10** The Show Manager/Secretary shall have jurisdiction over preparing and mailing all entry blanks, programs and catalogues. He/she shall enforce the arrival and departure times as shown in the catalogue or as advertised.
- 51.11** The Show Manager shall at all times extend every effort to satisfy the comfort of all horses, exhibitors, spectators and officials. He/she shall be held responsible for maintenance of clean and orderly conditions throughout the show or contest.
- 51.12** Show Management shall receive written complaints from exhibitors, trainers, owners, show participants and other AQHA members of incidents of cruel, abusive or inhumane treatment of horses on show grounds and shall forward such complaints to the Association for possible disciplinary action under the Association's rules and regulations pertaining to animal welfare and unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 51.13** Upon a report or discovery of inhumane treatment Show Management shall investigate the incident and report it to the AQHA using the AQHA procedure as supplied to approved show and event management.
- 51.14** Show Management shall have the right to establish ground rules with reference to the amount of time an exhibitor is allowed to begin his/her performance, dependent upon the facilities and conditions. If such ground rules are established, Show Management should see that they are enforced.
- 51.15** A competent Ring Steward will be required for each Judge at all AQHA approved shows. Any reputable person or persons may act in the capacity of Ring Steward who can furnish proof that he/she is capable through ability or experience and is familiar with AQHA Rules and Regulations.
- 51.16** A competent Ring Steward will be able to control the conduct of the horses and exhibitors in the ring, and keep the class progressing.
- 51.17** Ring Stewards may not hold the position of Show Manager or Show Secretary at a show at which they serve as Ring Steward.
- 51.18** The Ring Steward will notify the Judge when all horses are present for each class, and call his/her attention to those horses which are absent. This information will be placed on the record which the Ring Steward marks after each class has been judged.

- 51.19** The Ring Steward must have in his/her mind that he/she has “been selected to help the Judge - not advise him”. He/she shall carefully refrain from discussing, or seeming to discuss, the horses or the exhibitors with the Judge. Ring Stewards shall not take part, or seem to take part, in any of the judging.
- 51.20** When the Ring Steward is not actively engaged in his/her duties he/she shall place himself/herself in such a position so as not to interfere with the judging and the view of the spectators.
- 51.21** The Ring Steward must not allow the exhibitors to crowd up in the ring or arena and should at all times endeavour to keep the possibilities of an accident at a minimum.
- 51.22** The Ring Steward has charge of the activity in the arena or ring. He/she should act as mediator between the Judge and the exhibitor. The Judge should request the Ring Steward to move and place horses as he/she advises. When the ring or arena size is small and the class entries are large, the Ring Steward should survey the situation and take every precaution to keep the horses moving until the Judge is ready for them to be judged.
- 51.23** The Judge has the authority to remove exhibitors from the ring.
- 51.24** It is important that the Ring Steward be familiar with the procedure of splitting, when the classes are large and the judge requests that he/she line them up for the first separation, the second separation, and so on until the judge has his/her class ready.

52 DISPUTES COMMITTEE - Show Disputes

Committee shall consist of:

Show Manager

Show Committee Member

A Competitor

of whom two (2) of the above must be AQHA financial members.

53 VETERINARIAN

Any registered/licensed Veterinarian may officiate in his/her capacity. If there is more than one (1) Veterinarian, one should be delegated as being in charge. Rather than impose on one individual, it is advised to arrange with several to work in shifts.

Health requirements should be outlined in programs and on entry blanks and enforced by the Show Manager and Veterinarians.

54 JUDGES

All rules pertaining to Judges as contained in this Handbook may be implemented by the Association through supplementary regulations.

Judges Definitions.

An Accredited Judge is defined as a person who has met all the criteria required to hold an Accredited judges ticket as approved by the Judges Committee.

An Associate Judge is defined as a person who has met all the criteria required to hold an Associate judges ticket as approved by the Judges Committee.

An Accredited Trail Judge is defined as a person who has passed all of the criteria as approved by the Judges Committee.

An AmQHA Judge is defined as a person who does not reside in the USA, who has passed all of the criteria approved by the AmQHA Judges Committee.

An AmQHA International Judge is defined as a person who does not reside in the USA, who has passed all of the criteria approved by the AmQHA Judges Committee.

54.1 Designation as an AQHA Judge is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the Judging Sub-Committee, according to procedures formulated by it, to individuals whose equine expertise and personal character merit the honour.

54.2 An individual's conduct as a member, exhibitor and judge, and his/her ability must be exemplary, is subject to continual Committee reviews; and such designation is revocable by the Judges Committee with or without notice and formal hearing; subject only to ultimate review by the AQHA Board of Directors.

54.3 Judging applicants must have been a financial AQHA member either as the nominee of a Constitute Membership or in their own right for one (1) year prior to applying for Judge's qualifications.

Accredited, Associate and Accredited Trail judges must hold current full membership in their own right.

Dues for such membership are payable on 1st August each year and are considered delinquent if not paid within thirty (30) days thereafter.

After the delinquent date of 1st September, he or she will be removed from the list of AQHA Judges and will be required to reapply for inclusion to the list of judges under the current procedure for admission of new applicants. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. The mandatory retirement age of AQHA approved judges is 75 years of age.

54.4 Judges must be chosen from the AQHA Judges List. Upon request, the office of the AQHA will furnish a list of qualified judges to organisations planning to conduct shows or contests. All AQHA judges are endorsed to judge Hack classes at AQHA approved shows.

A visiting international judge who holds a current judges ticket from an AQHA approved association may also be used to officiate.

54.5 Grounds for removal of an individual from the Association's list of judges shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

a) Upon suspension from Association membership or denial of any privileges thereof, the individual will be removed automatically from the list of judges; or

b) Failure to comply with the Association's Rules and Regulations.

54.6 Removal of an individual from the Association's list of judges for any reason, including, but not limited to, suspension from membership, denial of Association privileges or failure to comply with the Association Rules & Regulations, shall be absolute with no provision for automatic reinstatement.

Judges having their qualifications withdrawn or downgraded, have one (1) month to fulfil existing commitments.

Upon regaining eligibility for judging credentials, the individual shall apply for reinstatement after the expiration date of one (1) year from the date of his/her disqualification under the current procedures for admission of new applicants.

54.7 The Association will conduct Judging Seminars at a frequency to satisfy Rules 54.8 and 54.9.

All AQHA Judges enrolled in Seminars must complete the horse and practical side of judging and hand in their cards.

54.8 Accredited Judges not attending their compulsory seminar (once every three (3) years) and not providing a reason considered justifiable by the Board will be downgraded to Associate status.

If an AmQHA Judging Seminar is attended by an AusQHA judge/s then the requirement for attendance at any AusQHA Judging Seminar held in the same year is optional.

They then must attend the next scheduled Seminar and pass requirements or lose all judging privileges.

54.9 Associate Judges and Accredited Trail Judges not attending their compulsory seminar (once every three (3) years) will have their judge's privileges withdrawn until they attend the next scheduled seminar and pass requirements. An Associate Judge may attempt to upgrade to Accredited status at his/her discretion, however if an Associate Judge fails to successfully upgrade at one AQHA Judging Seminar he/she cannot apply for upgrading for at least 3 seminars from that last upgrading attempt.

54.10 To make formal complaint against an AQHA judge, such complaint must be in writing, signed by the complainant and contain the specific facts giving rise to the complaint, and be received by the Association within fourteen (14) days from the date of the occurrence.

By filing this complaint, the complainant agrees to attend a hearing conducted by the Association in regard to the matter, either at the Association's office in Tamworth NSW or as the Board of the AQHA directs.

- 54.11** Any AQHA judge shall be suspended from the judges list if he or she judges a class or show of horses listed with a registry using in its name the words Quarter Horse but which is not recognised by the Australian Quarter Horse Association.
- 54.12** No judge shall officiate two (2) consecutive times at the same show or contest.
- 54.13** After acceptance of the judging commitment, a judge shall endeavour, with all reasonable effort, to judge the show, and shall timely communicate to show management any inability to do so, as to allow show management maximum time in which to seek a suitable replacement.
- Additionally, the judge shall immediately file with the Association a written explanation of such inability to meet his/her commitment, specifying the date and manner in which he/she communicated it to show management.
- 54.14** A judge, upon arrival in a city in which he/she is to officiate, should contact an official of the show or contest and advise that person of his/her presence and location.
- 54.15** A judge shall not appear on the show or contest grounds more than one (1) hour before judging.
- 54.16** A judge shall not visit the horse stall area, nor visit with owners, trainers, exhibitors or owners' representatives, nor inspect or discuss any horse entered in the show or contest before the judging (including the day prior to the contest). Nor shall he/she review the show catalogue until after the judging has been completed, but shall be furnished a schedule of events by the show management prior to the judging.
- 54.17** During an approved show, a judge shall be present to meet his/her responsibilities under Association rules and regulations and shall be available to assist show management in meeting its responsibilities of rule compliance.
- 54.18** No judge shall determine the eligibility for registration of any entry in the ring and shall at all times refrain from making comments regarding such. It is expected, however, that the judge shall report to the Association any horse with excessive white or unusual white marking or any other indiscretions in regard to the Association's Standard of Excellence.
- 54.19** Western attire, including western hat, coat (except in extreme weather conditions), long sleeve shirt with collar (band, standup, tuxedo etc), tie or neckwear, and western boots are mandatory apparel for an individual to wear while judging an AQHA approved show or contest.
- 54.20** A judge shall, at all times, act in a professional manner.
- 54.21** AQHA Judges should be sensitive to any conflict of interest between the Association's objectives and their own personal business or pecuniary interest. Each judge should refrain from using his or her official status to further one's own personal or financial purpose. When such conflict of interest arises, the judge is expected to either withdraw the personal objective from the transaction in question or resign

from the Association's judges list, so that he or she may pursue the personal objective.

Breach of this ethical rule shall be subject to review by the Judges Committee under the Association rules. Certain specific areas of obvious conflict of interest for judges are as follows:

- a)** Neither the judge nor members of his/her family shall exhibit or act as agents, representatives in any capacity, or handlers of a horse in any approved class at a show or contest at which he/she is officiating.
- b)** No horse may be shown under a judge if that judge has been owner, trainer or agent in any capacity, or conditioner of that horse within the previous three (3) months. Group lessons i.e. clinics, schools and seminars are exempt from the above rule. But not Rule 54.16.
- c)** A judge shall not judge a horse that is owned by anyone from whom he/she has received a salary, commission or any kind of remuneration for selling or buying any horse for that individual; or, whether or not the horse is concerned in a transaction, has been in any employ or has represented such individual in any capacity for remuneration, within three (3) months from the date of the subject show.
- d)** Any AQHA judge involved in the management of a show cannot officiate as a judge at that show.
- e)** No judge may judge a horse belonging to, or being exhibited by, any member of his/her immediate family (spouse, defacto partner, in-laws, son, daughter, father, mother, brother or sister). If such a horse as specified in rules 54.21(a), (b) and (c) is entered in a show, its entry fee will be refunded and it is not to be exhibited.

These specified areas of disqualifying conflict of interest are not exclusive and Association judges are ineligible to judge another's horse in other situations not designated by the rule.

If a judge cannot exercise his/her objective influence, because of his/her connection with an owner, exhibitor, or anyone else connected with the horse, or, for that matter, if such connection would appear to others as possible bias, whether or not the judge feels he/she would be affected, a judge must disqualify himself/herself.

- 54.22** Exemption may be given to AQHA Judges judging Trail events, to personally exhibit a horse(s) in other than the Trail event at the same show that they are officiating as an AQHA Trail Judge. However, all Trail class exhibits must meet the requirements of Rule 54.21.
- 54.23** The judge at any show or contest may also be on any sifting or elimination committee necessary.
- 54.24** After a judge has accepted a judging assignment, exhibitors shall not contact, nor attempt to contact, the judge pertaining to his/her judging of any horse at that show.

- 54.25** Exhibitors shall not approach the judge for any reason prior to the completion of the judging unless the ring steward is present.
- 54.26** Any request to speak to the Judge must be made through the Ring Steward.
- 54.27** No exhibitor will visit or socialise with a judge the day prior to, or day of, the show or contest.
- 54.28** When an exhibitor makes a request through the ring steward or other show official for the judge's opinion concerning that exhibitor's horse, it is urged that the judge will give his/her opinion courteously and sincerely in the presence of the ring steward or other show official. However, there is to be no fraternisation between the exhibitor and the judge during the show.
- 54.29** Minimum pay for an Accredited Judge is expenses plus two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for a day of nine (9) hours or less and twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour over the nine (9) hours in one day.
- 54.30** Minimum pay for an Associate Judge is expenses plus one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a day of nine (9) hours or less and twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour over the nine (9) hours in one day.
- It is further recommended that the judge work no more than ten (10) hours in one day. If the hours spent in judging are expected to run to an excessive length, the show management should consider hiring two (2) judges.
- 54.31** Minimum pay for an Accredited Trail Judge is expenses plus fifty (\$50.00) dollars, for a day of nine (9) hours or less.
- 54.32** In halter classes, the use of more than one (1) judge is optional, provided however if multiple judges are used, all halter classes of the one (1) sex division must be judged by the same judge.
- 54.33** In a Trail class, the use of more than one (1) judge is optional. In all other performance classes, only one (1) judge can be used.
- 54.34** The judge shall have the authority to place a horse in whatever position in a class he/she thinks the merit of the horse justifies. His/her decision shall be final in all cases affecting the merits of the horse.
- 54.35** Once a class has been judged, it shall not be rejudged, and once the judge has marked his/her record and places for awards are made, there shall be no changing of the judge's record. However, a judge may change their judge's card, if there is proper documentation and proof that a clerical error has occurred. Clerical errors must be corrected within a reasonable period of time, but not more than one (1) hour after the last class of the day.
- NOTE: It is the responsibility of the judge to ensure, prior to signing his/her card, that the number of entries, scores and placings are correct.
- 54.36** A judge may order any person or horse from the competition for bad conduct of one or both or may disqualify any contestant for excessive abuse of the horse.

- 54.37** The judge, at his/her discretion, may refuse entry into the arena or remove an entry from a class for improper attire and/or equipment.
- 54.38** A judge may eliminate any horse/exhibitor as an entry which he/she feels is in violation of the intent of the Association's conduct rules, or which he/she does not feel has legitimately attempted to exhibit the horse to the best of the horse's ability.
- 54.39** If a competitor has not fulfilled the requirements of a class, it may be cause for disqualification at the judge's discretion.
- 54.40** In all classes where horses are worked on the rail, i.e. Western Pleasure, etc., the judge shall not call contestants off the rail at any gait other than the walk.
- 54.41** In all classes where backing is required, the judge may, at his/her discretion, require the backing of only the finalists in the class.
- 54.42** In any approved performance class, the judge shall have the authority to require the removal or alteration of any piece of equipment which is accoutrements which, in his/her opinion, unsafe and would tend to give a horse an unfair advantage or which he/she believes to be inhumane. Any time a horse is ridden with a hackamore and has an open, raw or bleeding sore that comes into contact with the hackamore, or if the horse appears sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn or overly tired, the performance of the horse is to be penalised at the judge's discretion.
- a) Any time a horse's mouth is tied or fastened in a performance class, it shall be disqualified.
 - b) Any time a horse's mouth is bleeding in a performance class, it may be disqualified at the judge's discretion.
 - c) The AQHA has an approved Bit Gauge which may be used by an official at approved shows.
- 54.43** No horse is to be penalised for the manner in which it carries its tail or for the normal response with its tail to cues from the rider or when changing leads.
- A judge may, at his/her discretion, penalise a horse for excessive or exaggerated switching or wringing of the tail or for a seemingly "dead" tail that merely dangles between the legs and does not show normal response.
- 55 TIES (DRAWS)**
- 55.1** No class is complete until all ties through point earning places are broken.
- If a tied horse(s)/contestant(s) are disqualified in a run off, they are not to be placed any lower than the lowest position for which they are tied.
- 55.2** Horses/contestants disqualified during the first run are not to be considered to be tied for a place event if there were fewer than ten (10) qualified entries in the class.

56 APPROVED PERFORMANCE BODIES

An approved performance event shall be conducted under the contest rules of the organisation which the Association may, at its discretion, recognise as the controlling body for such event. For the purpose of this regulation, the contest rules of the following organisations will be accepted as being those of controlling bodies:

NOTE: Exemption - All events at an AQHA National Show which receive approved points.

AUSTRALIAN BARREL HORSE ASSOCIATION
AUSTRALIAN BUSHMANS CAMPDRAFT AND RODEO ASSOCIATION
AUSTRALIAN CAMPDRAFT ASSOCIATION
AUSTRALIAN CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY
AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION
AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB
AUSTRALIAN NOVELTY RIDERS ASSOCIATION
AUSTRALIAN POLO COUNCIL
AUSTRALIAN PONY CLUB COUNCIL
AUSTRALIAN PROFESSIONAL RODEO ASSOCIATION
EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA
HACK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA
FEDERATION EQUESTRIAN INTERNATIONALE
NATIONAL CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL PLEASURE HORSE ASSOCIATION
NRHA and REINING AUSTRALIA
NATIONAL RODEO ASSOCIATION
POLOCROSSE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED
SOUTHERN CAMPDRAFT ASSOCIATION
AUSTRALIAN TEAM ROPING ASSOCIATION

57 UNAPPROVED PERFORMANCE EVENTS

57.1 Unapproved performance events shall be conducted under the rules of an organisation which the Association may, at its discretion, recognise as the controlling body for such event. For the purpose of this regulation the rules of the organisations listed in Rule 56 will be accepted as being those of controlling bodies.

57.2 It is the duty of competitors to report to the Association office within ten (10) days any infraction of rules at unapproved performance events. Where an infraction is proven, points for that event, may at the Association's discretion, be disallowed.

57.3 It is recommended that committees conducting unapproved performance events follow as closely as possible the regulations set down for approved performance events.

57.4 Points earned in unapproved performance events will be awarded “B” points and points must be recorded on the official Yellow point sheets and returned to the office within 14 days of the last day of the show and must be accompanied by a Show program.

58 POINTS AWARDED

AQHA Approved National Championships	“AAAA” points
AQHA Approved State Championship Shows	”AAA” points
AQHA Approved “AA”	“AA” points
AQHA Approved “A” Shows	“A” points
Agriculture Shows Approved AQHA	“A” points

(recognised events must be judged by appropriate approved Judge eg. Dressage - EFA judge)

Open/All Age classes at approved shows when there are age divisions already on program:	“B” points
Futurities, Stakes, Derbies, Classic etc	“B” points
Recognised event held at unapproved show	“B” points
Supreme Exhibit	No points

The following are recognised events:

58.1 HALTER

- Closed classes – Registered Quarter Horses only – approved shows, either single, double, triple or quadruple “A” points
- Closed classes – Registered Quarter Horses only - non-approved shows, single ‘B’ points.
- Open classes - all breeds - single ‘B’ points.

58.2 WESTERN EVENTS

BARREL RACE - At approved AQHA shows, or if conducted under APRA, ABCRA, ABHA, NBHA or NRA rules “A” points, otherwise “B” points

BREAKAWAY ROPING - As per APRA, ABCRA or NRA Rules “A” points otherwise “B” points

CALF ROPING - At approved AQHA shows or if conducted under APRA, ABCRA or NRA rules “A” points otherwise “B” points

CUTTING – Junior and Senior Horse and Amateur at AQHA approved shows and Open, \$10,000 Novice, Open Non Pro events at NCHA approved shows “A” points

All other NCHA cutting events will receive “B” points towards their individual ROM’s etc.

NB: Youth Cutting at NCHA and AQHA approved shows, the points will count towards a End of Year Youth Cutting Award.

POLE BENDING – At AQHA approved shows “A” points otherwise “B” points

REINING – Amateur, Open, Junior & Senior Horse events at AQHA approved shows and Open, Novice Horse Open and Open Non Pro at NRHA/RA approved events “A” points.

All other NRHA/RA reining events will receive “B” points towards their individual ROM’s etc.

NB: Youth Reining at NRHA and AQHA approved shows, the points will count towards a End of Year Youth Reining Award.

STAKE RACE - At approved AQHA shows “A” points otherwise “B” points

STEER WRESTLING - As per APRA, ABCRA or NRA rules “A” points otherwise “B” points

TEAM PENNING - At approved AQHA shows “A” points otherwise “B” points

TEAM ROPING - At approved AQHA shows or if conducted under APRA, ABCRA, ATRA or NRA Rules “A” points otherwise “B” points

TRAIL - At approved AQHA shows “A” points otherwise “B” points

WESTERN PLEASURE - At approved AQHA shows “A” points otherwise “B” points

WESTERN RIDING - At approved AQHA shows “A” points otherwise “B” points

WORKING COWHORSE - At approved AQHA shows “A” points otherwise “B” points

58.3 ENGLISH EVENTS

DRESSAGE - ‘A’ points only if official EFA Dressage Test and officiated by an EFA approved Judge, otherwise “B” points.

ENGLISH RIDING CLASS - As per EFA rules. An approved EFA judge is required for ‘A’ points. Youth only eligible to gain points in this class otherwise “B” points

EVENTING - As per EFA Rules. Points awarded for combined placing from total competitors - not individual placings from individual events. An approved EFA judge is required for ‘A’ points.

HACK - As per EFA, Hack Council or AQHA Rules. An approved AQHA, EFA or Hack Council judge is required for ‘A’ points.

HARNESS - As per Australian Driving Society Rules. “A” points otherwise “B” points

HUNTER UNDER SADDLE - At approved AQHA show “A” points otherwise “B” points

HUNTER HACK - At approved AQHA show “A” points otherwise “B” points

SHOWJUMPING - As per EFA Rules. An approved EFA judge is required for ‘A’ points otherwise “B” points

WORKING HUNTER - At approved AQHA show “A” points otherwise “B” points

PLEASURE DRIVING –At approved AQHA show “A” points otherwise “B” points

58.4 PERFORMANCE EVENTS -

CAMPDRAFT - Open events approved by ABCRA, ACA, NCA and SCA Rules. “A” points NB: all other Campdraft events “B” points

ENDURANCE - As per Australian Endurance Riders Association Rules “A” points otherwise “B” points

POLO AND POLOCROSSE - As per relevant State’s controlling body, match rules. “A” points, otherwise “B” points. For points see Performance Regulation 59.13.

RACING - The Association accepts wins and placings from racing organisations approved by the AQHA “A” points. ROMs in Racing will be awarded as per Performance Rules. Otherwise “B” points

SPORTING - Flag, Bend, Barrel, Ben Bar Aft, Bonfield Bounce, 3 Mug Race, Running T, Sporting Figure 8, Diamond Flag, Key Hole. at open gymkhanas as per ANRA Rules. “A” points otherwise “B” points

WORKING STOCKHORSE - ‘A’ points may be awarded if events are run under ASHS Rules, are open to all breeds and not restricted to Australian Stockhorses only. Otherwise “B” points

STOCKMANS CHALLENGE 3 events – “A” Points will be given for final placings only if run under the Stockmans Challenge Rules otherwise “B” points

VERSATILITY EVENT: Each category to be run under AQHA rules for that event. Points awarded to final placings from total competitors and not individual placings in any event. Single points are this allowed at “AA” and higher level shows

59 RECORD OF PERFORMANCE POINTS

59.1The show and competition performance of horses registered with the Association shall be recorded by the Association subject to the Association’s Show and Performance Rules.

59.2 Other than AQHA “A” or “AA” shows, where an exhibitor desires that performance of a horse be awarded Performance Register points by the Association, it is his/her responsibility to notify the Association of such performance by correctly completing the Official Show Result Form and forwarding it to the Association after it has been signed as correct by the judge or an official of the organising body within fourteen (14) days of such contest.

Points will be awarded, however, if the said result forms are lodged after fourteen (14) days and not beyond thirty (30) days of the show or contest if accompanied by the appropriate fee as per Annex A.

Where the AQHA has an agreement with an approved performance body to submit performance results on behalf of the competitors at an approved performance

event, the competitors do not need to submit the Official Show Result forms to the AQHA office.

59.3 Year-to-date points will only be calculated if membership is financial when a Show Result Form is received in the AQHA office.

59.4 Points will be awarded for completed events only. Heats, cut-outs, go-rounds or eliminations will not be eligible for points.

59.5 No points will be awarded for any contest which is judged in such a way as to provide more than one result (exception Multi Judged and Multi Judged Consecutive shows)

59.6 To be eligible for Performance Points, horses must be:

- a) Registered in the Association's Stud Book or recorded in the Association's Appendix Record;
- b) Exhibited under their registered or recorded name and number; and
- c) Exhibited in the name of the registered owner, who must be a financial member of the Association.

59.7The Association may, at its discretion, refuse to award performance points if:

- a)The exhibitor is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct or infringement of the Rules as reported in writing by the organising body and proven to the satisfaction of the Association.
- b) The use of illegal substances proven to the satisfaction of the Association.
- c)The exhibitor fails to comply with any of the Rules and Regulations of the AQHA.

59.8 The Association will not award points if the exhibitor/owner is not a financial Member of the Association.

59.9 The points award year shall run from 1st August to 31st July in any year.

Points will be earned on the actual number of horses exhibited in the class (see following Tables).

Where horses compete in pairs or a team, each pair or team constitutes one entry.

59.10 Champion: In Western events, only Champions from Halter Classes receive points (i.e. Champion Western Pleasure horse not recognised).

If three or more horses contest, award 2 points for Champion, 1 point for Reserve Champion. If two horses contest, award 1 point for Champion, 1/2 point for Reserve Champion. If only 1 horse competes for Champion, no points will be given.

59.11 Get of Sire - Must have three (3) progeny 4 years old or under of either sex exhibited.

Produce of Dam – Must have two (2) progeny 4 years old or under of either sex exhibited.

Points are awarded to the relevant Sire and Dam only as per the points tabulation sheet.

INT – Intermediate

OI – Open Intermediate

ADV – Advanced

- 59.14** Points will not be awarded to horses which compete in Halter or Performance classes which are restricted to horses under 142cm (14.0 hands). For the purpose of this rule, where the class is restricted to horses exactly 142cm (14.0 hands) and under the class will be deemed to be restricted to horses under 142cm (14.0 hands).

One Day Event

PLACE	STARTERS	PN	YR/N	INT	ADV
		JPN	JN	OI	
		POINTS			
1		3	6	12	18
2		2	5	10	15
3		1	4	8	12
4	11 – 14	1	3	6	9
5	15 – 18		2	4	6
6	19 – 22		1	2	3

Two Day Event

PLACE	STARTERS	PN	YR/N	INT	ADV
		JPN	JN	OI	
		POINTS			
1		8	11	18	29
2		6	9	15	26
3		4	8	12	23
4	11 – 14	2	6	9	19
5	15 – 18		5	7	15
6	19 – 22		4	5	11
7	23 – 26		3	3	8
8	27 – 30				5

Three Day Event

PLACE	STARTERS	NOV	INT	ADV
		JNR		
		POINTS		
1		15	24	40
2		13	20	36
3	Up to 10	11	16	32
4	11 – 14	9	12	28
5	15 – 18	8	10	24
6	19 – 22	6	8	20
7	23 – 26	5	6	16
8	27 – 30	4	4	14
9	31 – 34			12
10	35 – 38			10
11	39 – 42			8
12	43 – 46			6

POINTS CALCULATIONS

No. of horses in class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
1	0.5																															
2-5	1	0.5																														
6-10	2	1	0.5																													
11-15	3	2	1	0.5																												
16-20	4	3	2	1	0.5																											
21-30	5	4	3	2	1	0.5																										
31-40	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5																									
41-50	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5																								
51-60	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5																							
61-70	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5																						
71-80	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5																					
81-90	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5																				
91-100	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5																			
101-110	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5																		
111-120	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5																	
121-130	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5																
131-140	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5															
141-150	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5														
151-160	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5													
161-170	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5												
171-180	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5											
181-190	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5										
191-200	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5									
201-210	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5								
211-220	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5							
221-230	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5						
231-240	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5					
241-250	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5				
251-265	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5			
266-280	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5		
281-300	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5	

59.15 Points will not be awarded to horses which compete in Halter or Performance classes which are restricted to horses registered or recorded with any other breed or colour registry or association.

60 AWARDS

60.1 The Board of the Australian Quarter Horse Association reserves the right to decide, from time to time, the awards that shall be made in any one year. The making of an award to an individual member shall be a matter entirely at the discretion of the Board and the Board may resolve at any time to decline to present a particular award, notwithstanding that it has previously resolved that the award concerned was to be made for that year.

60.2 The Association will make annual awards based upon the number of points earned by an individual horse during that year's competition.

a) Any horse which has been declared ineligible from participation in AQHA shows due to violation of Rules prohibiting surgical alteration is ineligible during that calendar year for any AQHA year-end awards.

b) Any horse declared ineligible from participation in AQHA approved shows arising from violation of AQHA Show rules is ineligible to receive any AQHA year end awards during that calendar year.

60.3 Each of the following awards can only be won once by any particular horse. Rules 60.4 to 60.17

Points will be gained during the lifetime of the horse, and will not be limited to any one year. To be eligible, horses must be registered in the Association's Stud Book or recorded in the Association's Appendix Record.

When any award is made, the appropriate Association recognition will be forwarded to the person recorded as the owner of the horse.

The Registration or Recording of any horse will be cancelled by the Association if the owner fraudulently advertises or claims that his horse is entitled to any Association Award prior to the award being given by the Association.

All awards are Open Awards unless otherwise described.

60.4 Register of Merit Halter

May be awarded by the Association at its discretion to any registered or recorded horse after it has been awarded twenty (20) halter points, of which at least fifteen (15) must be 'A' points.

60.5 Register of Merit Performance

May be awarded by the Association, at its discretion, to any registered or recorded horse after it has been awarded twenty (20) points in more than one (1) performance event, excluding Racing, of which at least fifteen (15) must be 'A' points.

60.6 Register of Merit (Any Single Performance Event)

May be awarded by the Association, at its discretion, to any registered or recorded horse after it has been awarded twenty (20) points in any particular performance event, of which at least fifteen (15) must be 'A' points.

60.7 Superior Halter Horse

May be awarded by the Association, at its discretion, to any registered or recorded horse after it has been awarded sixty (60) halter points of which at least thirty (30) must be 'A' points.

60.8 Superior Performance Horse (Any single Performance event)

May be awarded by the Association, at its discretion, to any registered or recorded horse after it has been awarded sixty (60) points in any particular performance event, of which at least thirty (30) must be 'A' points.

60.9 Century Awards (Halter or Any Single Performance Event)

May be awarded by the Association, at its discretion, to any registered or recorded horse after it has been awarded the following points:

- Bronze Century 100 points) These may
- Silver Century 200 points) be "A" or "B"
- Gold Century 300 points) or combined

60.10 Australian Quarter Horse Champion

May be awarded by the Association, at its discretion, to any registered or recorded horse after it has:

- a) Been awarded at least twenty (20) Halter points, of which at least fifteen (15) must be 'A' points; and
- b) Been awarded at least twenty (20) points in each of two (2) separate performance events, of which at least fifteen (15) must be 'A' points in each of the two (2) separate performance events; and
- c) Been awarded at least ten (10) points at State or National level (horses born after 1.8.94).

60.11 AQHA Supreme Champion

May be awarded by the Association, at its discretion, to any registered or recorded horse after it has:

- a) Been awarded at least a Superior Award in Halter; and
- b) Been awarded at least three (3) Superior Performance awards in any event; and
- c) Been awarded at least a ROM in one (1) of the following performance categories: Steer Wrestling, Calf Roping, Camp Drafting, Cutting or Working Cowhorse

Note: This ROM must not be from the previous three (3) Superior Awards in 60.11 b) and been awarded twenty five (25) points or more at National or State Championship events or approved City Royal Shows.

60.12 AQHA Performance Medal

May be awarded by the Association, at its discretion, to any registered or recorded horse after it has:

- a) Been awarded three (3) Superior Performance Horse awards in any event; and
- b) Been awarded at least a ROM in one (1) of the following performance categories: Steer Wrestling, Calf Roping, Campdraft, Cutting, Working Cowhorse; Western Riding; Reining and
- c) Been awarded twenty five (25) or more points at National or State championship events or approved capital city Royal Shows.

60.13 AQHA Medal of Esteem

May be awarded to any member of the Association, past or present which in the opinion of the Association has made a major contribution to the Quarter Horse breed in Australia.

60.14 AQHA Medal of Excellence

May be awarded to any horse registered with the Association, which in the opinion of the Association has excelled in any phase of equestrian activity and/or promotion of the Australian Quarter Horse.

60.15 Special Achievement Recognition

a) This program has been established to give registered Australian Quarter Horses recognition on their permanent records for outstanding achievements in special events not approved by the AQHA.

b) In order for results from special events to be accepted as a part of AQHA records, the following criteria must be met:

i) The organisation sponsoring the event must be National in scope. The AQHA may, at its discretion, grant approval for any event they deem appropriate to be added to the list of events qualifying for special recognition.

ii) The event must be open to all breeds of horses.

iii) The placing and/or standings must be presented to the AQHA by the relevant Association within sixty (60) days following the event.

iv) After an event has been approved by the AQHA as qualifying for this program, placings or standings of registered Australian Quarter Horses will be placed on that horse's show record only if it placed within the top five (5) at that event.

c) Events which are currently approved as Special Achievement Recognition events:

NCHA CUTTING HORSE FUTURITY

NCHA CUTTING HORSE DERBY

NCHA NON PRO CUTTING HORSE FUTURITY

NCHA NON PRO CUTTING HORSE DERBY

NRHA REINING HORSE FUTURITY

NRHA NON PRO REINING HORSE FUTURITY

NPHA 2 YEAR OLD WESTERN PLEASURE FUTURITY

WARWICK GOLD CUP

Any registered Australian Quarter Horse that competes in the Olympic Games qualifies for recognition

60.16 AQHA Certificate of Achievement

The AQHA Certificate of Achievement for twenty (20) 'B' class points in any one (1) award category. This means that if you have earned twenty (20) or more 'B' points in Campdrafting, etc., then you will receive an Achievement Award for that event and so on.

Points cannot be combined; i.e. ten (10) Sporting and ten (10) Campdrafting, the points must be earned in one (1) event. You can get an Achievement Award in as many categories as you earn points in, providing you reach twenty (20) points in each category.

60.17 Awards and Recognition RWD Events

The AQHA Certificate of Achievement to be awarded in each class according to the existing point schedule.

Achievement Points will be awarded to horse/rider combination in Walk & Trot Hunt Seat Equitation, Walk & Jog Western Horsemanship and Walk & Jog Trail with the points being recorded on both the horse and rider's individual AQHA records after winning 10 "A" points or 15 "A" and "B" combined

A year-end High-Point award will be established for each class for both high-point exhibitor and high-point horse.

61 AMATEUR RULES AND REGULATIONS

61.1 Definition: A person is considered an Amateur Exhibitor by the AQHA:

When he or she is no longer eligible to show in AQHA Youth Activity classes; and

Provided that he or she has not personally received remuneration or any other form of compensation at any time in the previous 3 calendar years for:

- a)** Showing, training or assisted in training any horse; or
- b)** Instructing any other person in riding, driving, training or showing a horse in competition.

61.2 Prize money is not to be considered remuneration. Payment of entry fees, expenses, etc. by any person other than the person's spouse, parents, defacto partner, child of the family, grandparents, brother(s) or sister(s) shall be considered remuneration.

61.3 Any horse exhibited by the Amateur in Open and or Amateur classes must be owned by the contestant or by the contestant's spouse, parents, defacto partner, child of the family, grandparents, brother(s) or sister(s).

Separate legal entities, such as family corporations, trusts or partnerships, are also authorised owners of the amateur contestant's horse so long as all legal and equitable owners and beneficiaries of the legal entity are individuals specifically authorised by this rule.

Such ownership must be evidenced by the records of the Association and the certificate of registration of such horse must show as the owner by proper endorsement of the Association.

- 61.4** Horses owned in partnership or jointly with any person, other than spouse, defacto partner, child of the family, grandparents, brother(s) or sister(s) do not fulfil the ownership requirements for Amateur classes.
- 61.5** An Amateur may ride the same horse in a different Amateur event as that of another Amateur, where the rules pertaining to 61.3 are adhered to.
- 61.6** In order to gain points, AQHA Amateurs can only show under AQHA Amateur Rules and Regulations. Amateur's registered with other breed organisations cannot gain AQHA points but still must possess a current Amateur permit relevant to that breed organisation.
- 61.7** No horse may be shown by more than one (1) contestant in any one (1) class.
- 61.8** Amateurs may exhibit two (2) horses in individually judged classes. However, with regard to high point awards at approved shows the Amateur may nominate a maximum of two (2) horses that will count toward the High Point Amateur of that show. Nominations must be in the Secretary's hand prior to closing date of entries.
- 61.9** Only the highest placing horse in that Amateur class will be given points towards high point awards at any approved show and end-of-year awards when an individual places twice in the one event.
- 61.10** For further situations not covered by Amateur Rules and Regulations, the Rules and Regulations applying to open events shall apply.
- 61.11** Upon application, a free issue of an Amateur permit is made to members for their first year out of Youth. This applies only to members who meet the eligibility rule on 1st August of their first year out of Youth.
- 61.12** Every person competing in an Amateur class must possess a current Amateur membership card appropriately endorsed by the AQHA or the equivalent issued by their relevant association. Show management must inspect this card or a certified copy of this card at any show entered.
- 61.13** Application for AQHA Amateur Exhibitor status shall be made on the form provided by the Association.
- 61.14** All AQHA Amateur Exhibitors riding a registered or recorded Quarter Horse must have a current individual membership in their own right.
- 61.15** There will be an annual charge for Amateur Exhibitor status.

61.16 All applications for Amateur Exhibitor status and all requests for renewal thereof shall be presented to the AQHA for approval. AQHA membership cards appropriately endorsed with Amateur Exhibitor status will be issued by the Association on an annual basis only after said approval.

61.17 All financial Members holding Amateur Exhibitor status will be reviewed annually at the time of application for renewal to ensure that Amateur status requirements are being met. Said application is to be on a form supplied by the AQHA and returned to it along with applicant's fee.

Amateur Exhibitor status may be revoked after hearing before a committee designated by the Association, with right of appeal to the AQHA Board of an adverse decision.

61.18 Upon request by the Association, Amateur Exhibitor status will be immediately suspended pending a hearing before the appropriate committee for a revocation decision.

Additionally, when an individual, for any reason, becomes ineligible for Amateur Exhibitor status, he or she shall promptly return the AQHA membership card to the Association for amendment, whether or not an Association request is made.

61.19 The individual may be subject to possible suspension and/or fine under the Association's disciplinary procedure for:

Refusal to surrender card upon Association request; or

Retention of a card after an individual becomes ineligible for Amateur Exhibitor status; or

Participation in an Amateur class while ineligible for Amateur status.

61.20 A person wishing to relinquish professional status to return to Amateur Exhibitor status is required to inform the AQHA in writing of the date they ceased to hold professional status. Three (3) years from this date they will be eligible to apply for Amateur Exhibitor Status.

61.21 Select Amateur

A person, who qualifies as an Amateur under Rule 61, may apply for a Select Amateur Endorsement (on the appropriate AQHA form) from the day he/she turns fifty (50) years of age. Proof of age must be provided in the form of a copy of driver's licence/birth certificate forwarded to AQHA office for notation in AQHA records along with payment of prescribed fee.

Every person competing in a Select Amateur class must possess a current Membership Card with a Select Amateur Endorsement issued by the AQHA or their relevant breed society (provided their Select Amateur Requirements correspond to AQHA requirements). Show management must inspect this card or a certified copy at any show entered.

A Select Amateur Endorsement only entitles a person to compete in Select Amateur classes. If a Select Amateur wishes to compete in Amateur classes he/she must hold an appropriate Amateur Endorsement in addition to a Select Amateur Endorsement.

A person already possessing an Amateur Endorsement cannot compete in Select Amateur classes until the relevant fee has been paid and their Select Amateur Endorsement has been processed by the AQHA.

Eligible Select Amateurs may compete in Open Performance classes and Amateur or Select Amateur at a show but not in both Amateur categories in any one performance section. For example, a Select Amateur choosing to compete in Select Amateur Trail is not permitted to also enter the corresponding Amateur Trail at the same show. However, the Select Amateur is allowed to compete in an Open, Junior, Senior or All Age Trail.

A Select Amateur choosing to compete in any category at a show (for example, Select Amateur Hunter Under Saddle) is not confined to Select Amateur in other classes (eg Select Amateur Trail and Select Amateur Western Pleasure). NB: Select Amateur is based on the rider not the horse.

Eg: If a Select Amateur competes in the Select Amateur Trail class at a show then that same person cannot ride a different horse in corresponding Amateur classes at the same show.

All other rules pertaining to Select Amateur eligibility and criteria will be as per the rules used for the AQHA Amateur Program.

Points earned from Select Amateur classes will count towards ROMs and National Titles for Select Amateur and will not be added into calculations of Amateur points.

61.22 Leasing

a) Amateurs will be allowed to ride leased horses. The lessee of the horse is for AQHA purposes deemed to be the owner of the said horse for the period of the lease.

For Amateur point earnings to be awarded, however, there will be a minimum period of lease of twelve (12) months.

Amateur points will not be awarded to Amateurs competing in Open events.

b) A person showing another breed may show leased horses providing proof of lease is available and that such leasing is accepted by that relevant breed society for Amateur Owner requirements.

61.23 Amateur Halter Competition

a) If Amateur Halter classes are held, it is recommended that show management may, at its discretion, offer the classes as shown below or combined as in the Show Approval section.

Stallion 4 years and over

Colt 3 years

Colt 2 years

Colt 1 year and under
Mare 4 years and over
Filly 3 years
Filly 2 years
Filly 1 year and under
Gelding 4 years and over
Gelding 3 years
Gelding 2 years
Gelding 1 year and under

- b)** The AQHA will so note the awarding of the title Champion and Reserve Champion Mare, Stallion or Gelding Amateur Exhibitor on the performance record only when at least three (3) horses are exhibited in that sex division.
- c)** When an Amateur Halter program is offered, then a Champion and Reserve Champion must be selected from each sex division.
- d)** In Amateur Halter competition, when an Amateur exhibitor has qualified two (2) or more horses for Champion and Reserve Champion, only another Amateur may assist that exhibitor as long as the Amateur who originally qualified the horses leads one (1) of the horses in that class.

For rules covering the judging of Halter classes for Amateur exhibitors, see General Halter section.

61.24 Amateur and Select Amateur Events

- a)** Show management may, at its discretion, offer the following points earning events:

Amateur Halter
Amateur Junior Hunter Under Saddle
Amateur Senior Hunter Under Saddle
Select Amateur Hunter Under Saddle
Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation
Select Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation
Amateur Junior Western Pleasure
Amateur Senior Western Pleasure
Select Amateur Western Pleasure
Amateur Junior Trail
Amateur Senior Trail
Select Amateur Trail
Amateur Junior Reining
Amateur Senior Reining
Select Amateur Reining
Amateur Western Riding
Select Amateur Western Riding
Amateur Showmanship at Halter
Select Amateur Showmanship at Halter

Amateur Western Horsemanship
Select Amateur Western Horsemanship
Amateur Hunter Hack
Amateur Dressage
Amateur Hack

61.25 AMATEUR AWARDS

a) Amateur Register of Merit

Any single Amateur event as listed above may be awarded a Register of Merit by the Association at its discretion to any registered or recorded horse if it has been awarded twenty (20) points, fifteen (15) of which must be 'A' points. Points only from Amateur classes.

b) Amateur Superior Register of Merit

50 or more points in any particular event, 25 of which must be "A" points.

c) Amateur Champion Award

May be awarded by the Association at its discretion, to any registered or recorded horse after it has been awarded three (3) Amateur Registers of Merit in any Amateur event excluding Showmanship at Halter.

d) Amateur Versatility Award

Register of Merit Awards in five (5) different Amateur events.

61.26 Amateur Century Awards (Halter or Any Single Performance Event)

May be awarded by the Association, at its discretion, to any registered or recorded horse after it has been awarded the following points:

Bronze Century 100 points) These may
Silver Century 200 points) be "A" or "B"
Gold Century 300 points) or combined

61.27 SELECT AMATEUR AWARDS

a) Select Amateur Register of Merit

Any single Select Amateur event as listed above may be awarded a Register of Merit by the AQHA at its discretion to any registered or recorded horse if it has been awarded twenty (20) points, fifteen (15) of which must be "A" points. Points only from Select Amateur classes.

b) Select Amateur Superior Register of Merit

50 or more points in any particular event, 25 of which must be "A" points.

c) Select Amateur Champion

May be awarded by the Association at its discretion, to any registered or recorded horse after it has been awarded three (3) Select Amateur Registers of Merit in any Select Amateur event excluding Showmanship at Halter.

62 YOUTH RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 62.1** The AQHA directs that show management provide a Youth division for junior exhibitors 18 years of age and under as of 1st August of the preceding year.
- 62.2** Any Youth entering any competition must have written permission and signature on entry blank of his/her parent or guardian.
- 62.3** Youth may exhibit two (2) horses in individually judged classes. However, with regard to high point awards at approved shows the Youth may nominate a maximum of two (2) horses that will count toward the High Point Youth of that show. Nominations must be in the Secretary's hand prior to closing date of entries.
- 62.4** Only the highest placing horse in that Youth class will be given points towards high point awards at any approved show and end-of-year awards when an individual places twice in the one event.
- 62.5** Show organisers are requested to include a Youth Owner High Point Award at approved shows. (Youth Owner is a Youth mounted on horses owned by them or their immediate family.) This award must be awarded additional to the High Point Youth. This policy has been instigated to include recognition for the youth that competes on their own horses, and prevent them from being disadvantaged by owning and riding their own horses.
- The High Point Youth Owner will be tabulated in the same manner as the High Point Youth Awards.
- 62.6** Youth are not permitted to handle/ride/exhibit colts/stallions at any AQHA approved show. The only exception is NCHA/NRHA affiliated events. This rule will be strictly enforced by Show management.
- 62.7** No Youth member may be tied, buckled or fastened in the saddle in any manner or by any means during competition. (except Rule 113)
- 62.8** A judge may not ask a youth exhibitor to change horses with another exhibitor in any Youth event.
- 62.9** No horse may be shown by more than one (1) contestant in any one class. A contestant may not show more than one (1) horse in any one class except in individual working events (Reining, Working Cowhorse, Western Riding, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Stake Racing, Jumping, Working Hunter, Trail, Calf Roping, Daily Team Roping - Heading, Daily Team Roping - Heeling, Breakaway Roping, Team Penning and Cutting) in which a rider may show two (2) horses, regardless of sex.
- 62.10** When a youth exhibitor and/or his/her father, mother, sister, brother, grandparents, step parents or legal guardian or any other representative/s acting on behalf of the exhibitor is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, the AQHA can suspend the rights of such exhibitor and/or the exhibitor's father, mother, sister, brother, grandparents, step parents or legal guardian or any other representative/s acting on behalf of the exhibitor, to

participate in future approved shows for such a period as is judged appropriate.

62.11 For any situation not covered by Youth Activity Rules and Regulations see appropriate event rules. Although it is legal for a youth to show a non-owned horse in Open, approved Junior and Senior events, this action could violate Rule 61 of the AQHA Official Handbook concerning Amateur.

62.12 Age Requirements

- a) Age group limits in Youth events may be set by show management. In no case 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 1st August 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 1st August, may show throughout the entire year as an eighteen (18) year old until 1st August the following year.)
- b) It is recommended that where there are large classes, they be divided into age groups so as to provide more equal competition. (The age divisions listed below shall not apply to Halter classes.)
- c) If there is to be one (1) class, undivided, the age group is to be 18 years and under.
- d) If there are to be two (2) classes, the age divisions must be:
 - 13 years and under; and
 - 14 to 18 years
- e) If there are to be three (3) classes, the age divisions must be:
 - 11 years and under
 - 12 to 14 years
 - 15 to 18 years
- f) Age groups may be combined at a show, at the direction of the judge and the show management with the unanimous consent of all exhibitors involved in the class.
- g) Minimum age of a contestant in any Working Cowhorse class will be fourteen (14) years of age. Written permission must be tendered from parent or guardian.

62.13 Youth Points

- a) To be eligible to be awarded Youth points (which includes Pony Club), the youth must:
 - i) Be a financial Youth member of the Association;
 - ii) Comply with the requirements as to youth age;
 - iii) Ride a registered Quarter Horse belonging to a financial member;
 - iv) Forward to the office the Official Show Result form within the prescribed period. (This does not apply at 'A' and 'AA' shows.)
- b) Youth shall be awarded points in the same manner as for Open Events except that the points will be awarded to the Youth competitor and the horse as Youth Points.

- c) All of the accepted Youth events shall be eligible for points including Youth Showmanship at Halter. Youth Halter events are point earning classes, the same as Amateur Halter, but no stallion/Colt classes will be permitted.
- d) Youth points may be awarded irrespective of the number of horses ridden over the year but points will only be recognised in a particular class or event on the basis of one horse one rider.
- e) Only the highest placing in youth classes will be given points towards High Point awards at any approved show and end of year awards when an individual places twice in the same event.
- f) Ownership of the horse need not be in the name of the Youth claiming points.
- g) Youth points will not be awarded to youth competing in Open events.

62.14 Eligible Events For Youth Points

Youth Barrel Race
 Youth Breakaway Roping
 Youth Campdraft
 Youth Cutting
 Youth Dressage
 Youth English Riding classes
 Youth Eventing
 General Performance (Versatility Stakes,
 (Bridle Path Hack, English Equitation and Western
 Equitation held at non-approved AQHA shows)
 Youth Hacking
 Youth Halter
 Youth Hunt Seat Equitation
 Youth Hunter Hack
 Youth Hunter Under Saddle
 Youth Pony Club Dressage
 Youth Pony Club English
 Youth Pony Club Eventing
 Youth Pony Club Mounted Games
 (Postman's Chase, Old Sock, Hi-Lo, Stepping Stone,
 Tack Shop, Sword, Balloon, Hurdle, 3 Mug Race
 5 Flag Race)
 Youth Pony Club Jumping
 Youth Reining
 Youth Showjumping
 Youth Showmanship at Halter
 Youth Sporting (Flag, Bend, Ben Bar Aft, 3 Mug Race,
 Running T, Sporting Figure 8, Diamond Flag, Key Hole,
 Bonfield Bounce)

Youth Team Penning
Youth Trail
Youth Western Horsemanship
Youth Western Pleasure
Youth Western Riding
Youth Working Cowhorse
Youth Working Hunter

62.15 Youth Awards

Youth performance awards may, at the Association's discretion, be awarded on the following basis:

- a) Youth Register of Merit - 20 or more points in any particular event, 15 of which must be "A".
- b) Youth Superior ROM - 50 or more points in any particular event, 25 of which must be "A".
- c) Youth Champion - 50 or more points are earned in five (5) different events, 25 of which must be "A".
- d) Youth Versatility Award - Register of Merit awards in five (5) different events.

62.16 Youth Horse Awards

Youth Horse Register of Merit and Superior Awards, may at the Association's discretion be awarded on the following basis:

- a) Youth Horse Register of Merit - 20 or more points in any particular event, 15 of which must be "A".
- b) Youth Horse Superior Register of Merit – 50 or more points in any particular event, 25 of which must be "A".
- c) Champion Youth Horse - may be awarded to any Stud Book Registered or Appendix Recorded horse after it has won fifty (50) or more points in Youth events; provided at least twenty (20) points are 'A' points, and at least five (5) 'A' points have been awarded in each of three (3) different Youth events.

63 PONY CLUB AWARDS

For any situation not covered by Youth Rules and Regulations see appropriate event rules.

To be eligible for any or all of the awards listed below, the horse must be registered or recorded with the Quarter Horse Association and the owner be a current financial member and be ridden by a financial Youth member. Twenty (20) points must be gained. The horse must be entered and exhibited under the horse's registered name as it appears on the Association's register. A points sheet must be correctly filled in and returned within fourteen (14) days to the Australian Quarter Horse Association. These Point Results Booklets are available at the office.

63.1 Register of Merit awards will be given in the following categories:

- a) Pony Club Register of Merit - 20 points must be earned in recognised Pony Club competition. These events include: Pony Club Rider, Pony Club Horse, Handy Mount (Rider in Action), Pairs and Teams of Pony Club

Horses or Riders. Any event that complies with Pony Club Rules and Regulations regarding equipment, dress, etc.

- b)** Pony Club Eventing Register of Merit - 20 points must be earned in Pony Club graded or age division One Day Events, individuals and teams, run under Pony Club State Rules and Regulations.
- c)** Pony Club Dressage Register of Merit - 20 points must be earned in Pony Club graded or age division Dressage run under Pony Club State Rules and Regulations. .
- d)** Pony Club Jumping Register of Merit - 20 points must be earned in Pony Club recognised Show Jumping events run under Pony Club State Rules and Regulations, including Table A graded or age group events. Rider over Obstacles, Jumping Equitation and Combined Training.
- e)** Pony Club Mounted Games Register of Merit - 20 points must be earned in Pony Club Mounted Games events run under State Rules and Regulations (Postman's Chase, Old Sock, Hi-Lo, Stepping Stone, Tack Shop, Sword, Balloon, Hurdle, 3 Mug Race, 5 Flag Race).
- f)** Pony Club Sporting Register of Merit - 20 points must be earned in Pony Club Sporting events run under State Rules and Regulations (Flag, Bend, Barrel, Ben Bar Aft, Bonfield Bounce, 3 Mug Race, Running T, Sporting Figure 8, Diamond Flag, Key Hole).

64 HORSEBACK RIDING PROGRAM

The AQHA Horseback Riding program is an "honour system" which allows riders to log hours spent riding registered Australian Quarter Horses. To participate in the Horseback Riding program the participant must:

- a)** Be a current financial member of the AQHA. Logged hours will only be recorded whilst the membership is financial.
- b)** Not be currently participating in any other type of point scoring event.
- c)** There is no enrolment deadline or time limit.
- d)** Ride a registered Quarter Horse belonging to a financial member. The rider does not have to own the horse/s ridden. ie. hours can be earned on more than one (1) horse.
- e)** Participants must complete an official application form (available from the AQHA office) and return it to the office with the application fee as determined by the Board from time to time. (see Annex A)

f) On approval and processing of the application, official log sheets will be forwarded which are to be completed each time you ride. Once the required number of hours have been logged for a reward, forward the completed log sheets to the AQHA office to receive your personalised reward. Hours that can be logged include, exercising a horse, trail riding etc.

g) Awards will be given when the following hours are attained:

50 Hours, 100 Hours, 250 Hours, 500 hours,
1000 Hours, 1500 Hours, 2000 Hours, 5000 Hours

65 RACING

The Association accepts wins & placings from racing organisations approved by the AQHA.

Points for Racing can be collected in the same manner as performance points provided that an official Race Result Form is completed and returned to the office within fourteen (14) days from the date of the race.

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