

EVENTS "AQHA"

All events that are labelled "AQHA" or AmQHA are only open to horses which are included in the registry of the Australian Quarter Horse Association, including the Appendix Registry, and are eligible to compete. NO PENDING REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

All owners and riders/handlers must hold a financial membership in their own right, and as at the date the entries are received in the AQHA office, be in good standing with the Australian Quarter Horse Association and the American Quarter Horse Association, if applicable. Any entry that is not financial as at the close of entries will not be accepted. NB: Only the nominee of a Constituent Membership is allowed to exhibit on behalf of that membership. Any other parties in that Constituent Membership must hold their own financial Membership to be eligible to compete.

Performance rules of the AQHA, EFA and the AmQHA, where appropriate, shall apply to the AQHA Events. AQHA Rules & Regulations shall take precedence over all other rules where conflict arises.

ALL OTHER EVENTS All other events that are not labelled "AQHA" or "AmQHA" are open to all Breeds.

Campdraft events are affiliated with the ACA – ACA rules apply
Open Masters & Non Pro Cutting events are affiliated with the NCHA
QH V ASH Indoor Campdraft Challenge will be run under ACA rules
Rodeo is affiliated with the Australian Professional Rodeo Association
Reining events are run under the rules of RA & NRHA

ALL CAMPING, STABLING & TACK ROOMS (if available) To be booked and paid for through the Australian Quarter Horse Association

No refund of camping and stable fees will be made after the 1st March 2010 except in the event of the death or injury of a horse. Any request for a refund is to be accompanied by a certificate from a veterinary surgeon and must be received in the AQHA office prior to the first day of the show being 14th April 2010. The vet certificate must state the reason why the animal is unfit for competition. Refund payments will not be made until four weeks after the show.

ENTRIES AQHA, AmQHA, Reining, Cutting, Campdraft and Super Cow Horse Challenge Event entries are to be processed by the AQHA. All Rodeo events are Central Entry with APRA.

The Martins Saddlery (USA) Invitational Cutting and Invitational QH v ASH Campdraft Challenge are by invitation only.

The \$10,000 Winderadeen 40th Anniversary Open Western Pleasure Celebration will be sold by Slots. 30 slots only to be sold. Horses must be registered with the AQHA and owners/riders must be financial members of the AQHA. Slots will be available for purchase on the 1st February 2010 from 9am. Application must be accompanied by payment being \$330 per slot and can be made by phone to 02 6762 6444, fax 02 6762 6422 or emailed to carol@aqha.com.au. Credit card payment accepted.

Entries will only be accepted on the official Entry Form, which is available from the AQHA Office or the AQHA website www.aqha.com.au

The total entry fees including all office fees, cattle levies etc, together with the entry forms must be forwarded to Q10 World Show Downunder, AQHA, PO Box 979, TAMWORTH NSW 2340 and be Post Marked no later than Monday 1st March 2010

Credit Card payment accepted. Cheques and Australian Money Orders should be made payable to Australian Quarter Horse Association. In the case of any dishonoured payments the exhibitor will be contacted and new payment must be made within 5 working days and a Penalty fee of \$20.00 will apply. If restitution is not made within this time frame the entries will not be accepted.

Late entries for "AQHA" events will only be accepted up until 2pm on Saturday 17th April 2010 at double the published nomination fee.

PREVIOUS DEBTS No entries will be accepted where there are any previous debts outstanding to AQHA. This applies to all horses, owners and exhibitors.

REFUNDS: No refund of entry fees will be made after the 1st March 2010 except in the event of the death or injury of a horse. Any request for a refund is to be accompanied by a certificate from a veterinary surgeon and must be received in the AQHA office prior to the first day of the show being 14th April 2010. The vet certificate must state the reason why the animal is unfit for competition. Refund payments will not be made until four weeks after the show and only the entry fee will be refunded.

PROFESSIONAL CODE OF ETHICS Please refer to the Australian Quarter Horse Association regarding Professional Code of Ethics.

Refer to Rule 1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) Page 1, Section 1, General Rules of the AQHA Official Handbook. (Green Section)

ANIMAL HEALTH: A Veterinarian will be available. In the case of outbreak of any contagious or infectious disease amongst horses, neither the AQHA nor the Sponsors or Show Organisers will be liable for any damage or loss that may occur to any person or animal.

The AQHA Statement of Animal Welfare will apply in all cases to all horses exhibited at the show.

PETS AELEC has a NO DOG POLICY. Restrictions will apply.

TRAFFIC All vehicles are to obey all road and traffic signage including the 10km speed limit. All motorized vehicles are to adhere to RTA legislation. No vehicles except for emergency or medical vehicles are to drive into the stable areas. No pushbikes, skateboards etc are to be ridden within the stable block or the arenas.

EXERCISE FACILITIES There are designated warm up arenas at AELEC. A map detailing these areas will be supplied in the Competitor pack.

DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS Prior to the commencement of Q10, a number will be allocated to each horse entered. Competitors not displaying correctly placed numbers will not be permitted into the arena and may not be considered by the Judge. Any competitor entering the ring with an incorrect number shall forfeit all rights to the award and be requested to leave the arena.

COMPETITOR PACKS Will be available to all competitors from the Stable Office from Tuesday 13th April 2010. The Competitor Pack will include – your horse numbers for competing, an Official Program, a map of AELEC facilities, Sponsors flyers etc, and if applicable Patterns.

DRUGS/MEDICATION

AQHA HAVE A ZERO DRUG TOLERANCE

No person shall cause to be administered internally or externally to a horse either before or during the Australian Quarter Horse National Championships any medication, drug, device or surgical procedure which is of such a character as could mask a defect. Upon discovery of the administration of such drug, medication, device or surgical procedure, the Show Management shall immediately disqualify that horse and report the matter formally to the Board of the AQHA.

Refer to rule 40.8 of the AQHA Official Handbook for further rules relating to Drugs & Surgical Procedures.

Samples will be taken at the show. The AQHA's drug testing rules are contained in the Australian Quarter Horse Association Official Handbook. All horses are subject to drug testing and all owners agree that by making their entry, they will submit their horses to be drug tested if/when requested.

RISK Competitors realise that horse related competition has an inherent risk and as such compete at this competition at their own risk. The AQHA and show organisers will accept no liability for accident, loss or injury. This applies to all competitors, their connections, horses and spectators. Entries will not be accepted unless the Liability Waiver has been signed by owners and exhibitors of all horses.

COMPETING NON AQHA MEMBERS All non AQHA financial members must fill out the Waiver Liability form which must accompany the entry forms.

AELEC VENUE

All buildings are NO SMOKING ZONES including the Undercroft, Stables, Sales Arena and Stadium area.

As AELEC is required to comply with high environment standards, the release of grey water is prohibited in the exhibitor parking zones, therefore it is necessary for all vehicles, that may discharge grey water, to be fitted with a grey water retention tank or have a 50mm hose and attachment which can be fixed to the AELEC's grey water drainage attachment.

Camping & parking at AELEC – Camping Passes must be affixed to the windscreen of the vehicle on the drivers side for access in and out of AELEC.

Cleaning Vehicles - A truck wash facility used for hosing out your transport is situated near the cattle unloading races. All vehicles can only be hosed out in this facility as cleaning of vehicles is strictly prohibited within the camping area. AELEC is an environmentally friendly facility and all manure and grey water must be removed from the ground and placed into the bins or facilities provided.

Support vehicles accompanying livestock and equine transport may drop off necessary items in the stable parking area, but will be charged a parking fee if they do not leave the area within 30 minutes.

All manure and stable cleanings must be placed in bunkers or pits located at the end of the stable blocks in the carpark. Competitors are responsible for removing manure and stable cleanings during the event and depositing them in the bunkers (please do not use the wheelie garbage bins for this purpose).

Stable Inspection – A bond of \$25 per stable/tack room will be required. If you wish to receive your bond back, then you must totally clean out your stable and have it inspected prior to your departure from the venue.

Wash bays are located at the end of each stable block and horses must be hosed in the wash bays only.

Water and power outlets are located in the middle of each stable row.

No lunging or exercising of horses is permitted on the AELEC lawns.

Vehicles are prohibited in the stable rows, stable paths & surrounds. Only authorised small vehicles may use the paths and surrounds.

ENTRY TO VENUE - The owners of horses, that are entered in Q10, will receive one pass that will enable the wearer access to all areas of AELEC. (exception Friday evening 16th April and all day Saturday & Saturday night 17th April).

All competitors (being riders and halter competitors) that enter an event at Q10 will receive one free pass to the Friday evenings entertainment and Official Opening.

RODEO Saturday 17th April – All tickets for the Rodeo will be available for purchase through Tourism Tamworth by phoning 02 6767 5300 or www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au

First Aid facilities will be available on the grounds.

Toilets, showers & laundry facilities are located in the two middle stable blocks. Stable block B and E and at the Educational building. All rugs, saddle cloths, bandages and associated animal equipment is prohibited from being washed in the machines provided in the laundry.

EVACUATION POINTS Spectator and competitor evacuation points are at each entrance of the Centre. Horses are to be evacuated into the campdraft arena in the case of an emergency situation. Site and evacuation maps will be posted throughout AELEC.

GENERAL CONTEST RULES

Every horse entered for competition shall be under the control of the Show Manager or such persons he/she appoints to act on his/her behalf.

Only contestants in the specific classes and Show Officials will be allowed in the competition arena or marshalling area during the judging except for handlers assisting disabled riders.

AELEC will be under the control of the Show Manager or such person he/she appoints to act on his/her behalf, and shall have the discretion to eject any exhibitor from the said area for inhumane treatment and/or training of any horse or the failure to observe the Rules and Regulations of the competition and the Rules & Regulations of the AQHA or any reasonable request. Your co-operation is expected.

Show Management may exclude horses from competition should there be any unnecessary or embarrassing delay on the part of the exhibitor in bringing the horse into the competition arena. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to present themselves at the competition arena gate when called. Failure to report on final call will result in disqualification from the class. In the event that a horse is excluded from entry, all entry fees and charges for the class are forfeited without liability, to the show organisers/committee.

Show Management reserve the right to change the order of classes before or during the show. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be aware of any changes, which will be posted at the Show Secretary's office. Every endeavour will be made to give one (1) hours notice of any changes to the running order of events; however, every endeavour will be made to avoid changes.

Any exhibitor or rider who refuses to obey the request of the Judge, Show Manager or any Show Official will be automatically disqualified from further competition at the show and forfeits all previous winnings together with all entry fees and other charges. At the discretion of the Show Manager or Show Committee, the offending individual and his/her entire exhibit may be removed from the grounds.

All horses must be serviceably sound. In case of suspected unsoundness the Judge and/or Show Management, may, if he/she so desires have the animal examined by the Show Veterinarian and his decision shall be final.

No conversation shall take place at any time between competitors and the Judge/s except through the Steward.

Riders and handlers must be correctly attired at all times including western hat/helmet and riding boots. Any person not correctly attired will not be allowed into the Marshalling arenas.

Lunged and ridden horses are not to be exercised together in the same area. Times and arenas will be allocated by Show management who will advise the appropriate areas and timetables accordingly.

NO MOBILE PHONES are to be used while in the warm-up/exercise areas, the marshalling area or the competition arena.

No training equipment allowed in the immediate marshalling area and the performance arena from one hour before the show starts or one hour after the completion of events on each day. REFER Rule 49.26.

Any rider/handler who does not comply with these requirements will be removed from the area and may be disqualified from competition for the duration of the show.

OTHER RULES Any necessary Rules & Regulations not covered by the Affiliated Performance Bodies or by these Australian Quarter Horse National Championship Rules will be determined by the Show Management and their decision will be final and without recourse of any kind. The Show Management reserves the right to add any further applicable Rules & Regulations before, or during the Show. These rules will be posted at the Secretary's office and will be announced over the public address system, such instances could be out of bounds working areas, closure of areas to the public or horses or any other instance that may arise.

DISPUTES COMMITTEE The Disputes Committee shall consist of the Show Manager, one Show Committee Member and one Competitor.

PROTESTS Protests must be made in writing to the Show Secretary and be lodged within 30 minutes of the completion of the disputed event. A cash fee of \$50 must accompany any protest lodged

PRIZEMONEY Prizemoney will be paid as per the Prizemoney description on the program.

RULES PERTAINING TO AQHA AND AmQHA EVENTS

AMATEUR & SELECT AMATEUR AQHA Events – please refer to the AQHA Rules and Regulations.

AQHA YOUTH EVENTS

Youth ages will be as at 1st August 2009. ALL YOUTH COMPETITORS MUST HAVE THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN TO COMPETE.

SUBSTITUTION OF HORSE/S & RIDER/HANDLER Should an entered horse be vetted out it shall remain ineligible for further competition for the duration of the Show.

YOUTH - If a horse is vetted out, and it had been entered for competition in a Youth event, then that Youth can use a replacement horse as long as the replacement horse has been previously entered in Q10

AMATEUR – In an Amateur class, if the Amateurs horse is vetted out they will be permitted to use a replacement horse for that class as long as the replacement horse had been previously entered in Q10. The replacement horse must be eligible according to the AQHA Amateur Rules. NB: A Junior Horse cannot replace a Senior Horse.

OPEN – Change of rider/handler is permitted.

All above substitutions must be made to the Q10 Show Office no later than 1 hour prior to the commencement of the respective class.

HIGH POINT AWARDS

High point awards will be advertised on the AQHA web site as from 14th January 2010.

Amateur and Youth competitors can nominate a maximum of only two (2) horses that will count towards their High Point Awards.

NB: Highest placed AQHA Horse/Rider combination – Owners and riders must be financial AQHA members.

AMATEUR & YOUTH TEAM CHALLENGE

Forms for nomination for these events will be on the AQHA website as from 14th January 2010.

ALL COMPETITORS, 18 years & over, at Q10 World Show Down Under will receive one free entry into the draw for a cash prize of \$1000.