

**Show Committee Agenda
2019 Convention
Fort Worth, Texas**

GENERAL SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Develop a system to account for USEF member achievements when crossing over to show in AQHA leveled competition within youth, amateur and open divisions. Committee recommends staff to develop guidelines consistent with other alliance partner parameters currently in place. **

Executive Committee: Approved staff study of feasibility

2. Modify rule SHW378.3 such that biting is considered a blatant disobedience and a 10-point penalty.

Executive Committee: Approved

3. Amend Cowboy Mounted Shooting rule SHW750.1.1 to read as follows:
AQHA/CMSA events for officiating purposes will follow AQHA bit and bridle, western equipment and speed event rules. Notwithstanding, these rules include but are not limited to SHW300, SHW305, SHW306, SHW307, SHW325, VIO300 and VIO320.

Executive Committee: Approved

4. Add equipment rule SHW300.8 to read as follows: *All inhumane/prohibited equipment as listed in VIO204.13 is illegal for use at any time on the grounds at an AQHA approved event.*

Executive Committee: Approved

SHOW FORMAT AND PROCEDURES SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Approve report from Affiliate Show Task Force to include the following modification to AQHA rules and show approval guidelines:

A. Allow any show with less than 500 entries to apply for halter classes as follows:

- a. Junior Youth, Junior Amateur and Junior Open (defined as Junior 2 and Under)
- b. Senior Youth, Senior Amateur and Senior Open (defined as Senior 3 and Over)
- c. Youth Performance Mares and Geldings
- d. Amateur Performance Mares, Geldings and Stallions
- e. Open Performance Mares, Geldings and Stallions **

Executive Committee: Approved, pending programming

B. Allow Level 1 judges to be hired for Introductory or Single day shows with less than 250 entries.

- a. The show cannot include cattle or over fence classes, only core classes for which Level 1 judges are approved

Executive Committee: Denied

C. Provide show managers access to judge's database.

Executive Committee: Approved

D. Allow states to earn 3 total 6-pointed circuits per year if the following criteria is met:

a. Must hold 2 of these 3 types of shows:

- i. Level 1
- ii. Introductory
- iii. Single Judge

b. Must be held for 2 consecutive years and have applied for a 3rd consecutive year before applying for an additional 6-pointed circuit.

c. Level 1, introductory or single judge shows must continue to be held or the additional 6-pointed circuit will not be approved.

Executive Committee: Approved

E. Modify calendar of shows to be assigned by weekends of the month, replacing the current weeks of the year. Weekends to be defined as beginning on Saturday. **

Executive Committee: Approved for implementation in 2021, pending programming

F. Develop marketing tool kits for affiliates, managers and secretaries.

Executive Committee: Approved

2. Approve report from Show Fines and Penalties Task Force to include the following modification to AQHA rules and show approval guidelines:

A. The following parties may be fined or disciplined for infractions:

- a. Show Secretary/Management
- b. Judges
- c. Exhibitors
- d. Show Sponsor / Financially responsible party

B. Categories of infractions:

a. Show Approval Application

i. Received after deadline (defined as less than 60 days prior to show). The following incidents constitute being "received after deadline":

- 1. Received incomplete. It is not considered complete until all requested information is provided.
- 2. Received without fees. It is not considered complete until fully paid.
- 3. Staff inquiries. It is not considered complete until all inquiries are answered.

ii. Penalties/disciplinary action for above infractions:

- \$1,000 for 1st offense
- \$2,000 for 2nd offense
- 1 year suspension for 3rd offense and show will not be approved in the future with the same management

b. Show Results

i. Received after deadline (defined as more than 10 days after completion of the show). The following incidents constitute being “received after deadline”:

- Received incomplete. It is not considered complete until all requested information is provided.
- Received in non-electronic format. It is not considered complete until it is received in an acceptable format.

ii. Unverified results received. The following incidents constitute being “received as unverified”:

- Exhibitor allowed to show without membership.
- Grand/Reserve halter not held.
- Grand/reserve judge cards not submitted.
- Unregistered horse allowed to show in an AQHA class.

iii. Penalties/disciplinary action for above infractions fine is \$50 per day per event code.

c. Other

ii. Re-judging of classes already held and placed.

1. Judges have primary responsibility here and should be held accountable.

ii. Recommend modifying current rule SHW100.10 to read as follows:

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. judges' fees, cattle charges, facilities, insurance or drug testing fees, etc.) or pay premium monies to exhibitors can be denied AQHA approval for present and future shows. The sponsoring organization ~~and/or its representatives~~ can be denied privileges of AQHA and suspended from membership.

iii. Management not on show grounds

1. After staff investigation, allow 1 written warning. Upon second infraction, a 120 day suspension shall be imposed. Such suspension shall be delayed to begin 120 days after verification of the infraction. For suspension to be lifted, show management must be recertified.
 - iii. Management not reporting animal welfare issues
 1. After staff investigation, allow 1 written warning. Upon second infraction, a 120 day suspension shall be imposed. Such suspension shall be delayed to begin 120 days after verification of the infraction. For suspension to be lifted, show management must be recertified.
- C. Standard operating procedure for the following areas:
- a. Inadequate equipment/obstacles being used. The disciplinary action to be imposed upon the financially responsible party/sponsor.
 - Two written warnings
 - Show not allowed approval on next application for classes with prior questionable equipment.
 - In addition, a steward needs to be assigned at the next show to assess if the issues have been rectified.
 - b. Actions detrimental to AQHA. The fine/disciplinary action to be imposed upon show management / secretary.
 - i. Adding judges/number of points at any event without prior approval
 - \$1,000 for 1st offense
 - \$2,000 for 2nd offense
 - 1 year suspension for 3rd offense and show will not be approved in the future with the same management
 - ii. Canceling event for reasons other than acts of God, facility conflict/loss, conflict with AQHA event, or disease outbreak. The fine/disciplinary action to be imposed upon the financial responsible party / sponsor.
 - Must show proof that all responsibilities identified by grievance committee are met prior to next approval.
 - Provide explanations for issues and plans to resolve in the future.

Executive Committee: Approved

3. Amend rule SHW103.1 to include Shows held in international countries will retain priority date for their country-specific holidays. International affiliates shall be required to identify their country specific holidays to AQHA. **

Executive Committee: Approved

4. Delete rule SHW245.3.4 which reads: [In addition, at the time of application for level 1 an individual may not have] won an international or reserve international title for that particular class at the European Championships or German Championships regardless of whether the international class in question was an AQHA-approved class. **

Executive Committee: Approved

WESTERN AND TIMED EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Amend rule SHW452 to allow western riding patterns 1-4 to be performed the opposite direction (mirror image) of how they are currently set, creating 4 additional patterns labeled as patterns 6-9.

Executive Committee: Approved

ENGLISH AND DRESSAGE SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Add SHW108.3.5 to read as follows: [A maximum of two class types will be allowed per event] except for English Special Events which, for a trial period of three years, will be allowed to include English classes from Categories IV, V and VII. English special events will not be limited in number of events allowed per year during the trial period, but must have approval of affiliate and meet all other show approval requirements. Success at the end of the trial period to be measured by an increase or stabilization in the number of entries in all the English classes. **

Executive Committee: Approved, will be subject to annual review by Executive Committee

WORLD SHOW SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Amend World Show qualifier handbook rules and regulations so as to not disqualify an exhibitor entering the arena with the wrong or missing back number but instead assess a \$250 fine.

Executive Committee: Denied

2. Allow competitors in any class the option to earn an invitation to the World Show by competing at a designated number of shows as follows:
 - A. Amateur Level 3 and Level 2; exhibit at 10 shows to be counted by show number on a 1 horse/1 exhibitor basis.

B. b. Open Level 3 and Level 2; exhibit at 20 shows to be counted by show number. **

Executive Committee: Denied (Current World Show qualifying options for halter classes to remain in effect.)

3. Add dressage as a stakes class at the AQHA World Championship Show, beginning in 2020.

Executive Committee: Approved

4. In addition to the preselected placings, collect samples from up to 10 entries per World Championship Show finals class which can be tested at a later date.

Executive Committee: Denied

5. Include any exhibitor who has met the class requirements, regardless of qualification method, in the tabulation for All-Around at the Select World Show.

Executive Committee: Approved as amended, this will also apply to Amateur World Show All-Around award.

AWARDS, RECOGNITION AND MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Modify rule SHW804 to allow select all-around titles to count towards earning a superior all-around award. **

Executive Committee: Approved, pending programming

HALTER SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Modify rule SHW355 to read as follows:

SHW355.1 For the purpose of this rule, the term “halter equipment” shall include the use of a safety lead in halter classes.

SHW355.1.1 a safety lead is defined as a round smooth soft/flexible nonabrasive cotton polyblend cord with a dense core no smaller than 3/8 inches that has an unsecured keeper with at least 3/4 inches of the cord outside of the halter before attachment of keeper or leather part of lead shank or chain links having a gauge of at least 4.0 mm;

SHW355.1.2 is applied only over gum and not through mouth;

SHW355.1.4 no foreign substances or additional materials may be added to the safety lead

SHW355.2 Applies to all age groups and horses with the exception of performance halter classes and ranch horse conformation classes

SHW355.4 Applying excessive pressure on or excessive jerking of an allowed safety lead is prohibited.

Executive Committee: Approved Animal Welfare Commission task force to explore options and make recommendations. Pending the Animal Welfare Commission task force’s review and recommendations, SHW355-SHW355.4

as it currently exists in the 2019 AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations remains in effect.

2. Modify rule SHW365.3 to require horses showing in performance halter to also compete in a performance class at the same show. Horses must be ridden or driven. Walk/Trot classes and showmanship do not count as a performance class. (Requirement does not apply to horses that have earned a Racing Register of Merit.) **
3. **Executive Committee: Approved as amended, pending programming: Current performance halter eligibility rules (SHW365.3) will apply and/or horses which are competing in a performance class at the same show may also be shown in performance halter. Horses must be ridden or driven at that show. Walk/Trot classes and showmanship do not count as an eligible performance class. The exemption for horses that have earned a Racing Register of Merit will still apply.**

** Denotes Computer Programming Requirement