

## Q-Ribbon: January 2015

### Deadlines to Remember

Prior to February 1, AQHA should receive your **completed** June show application(s) and any corrections to your May show(s).



### AQHA Show Approval Status

- Date and/or location changes are being processed as they are received
- Show approval applications are currently being entered by date received

### AQHA Show Results Status

- Show results are being worked as received in the office (beginning to mid-December shows).

### Verifying Level Eligibility

We are encouraging AQHA exhibitors and American Quarter Horse owners to verify their level eligibility now for the 2015 show season, print out the results and bring the results with them to assist you with the show entry process. Level eligibility for 2015 can be verified at [www.aqha.com/leveling](http://www.aqha.com/leveling).

### Combining Level 2 and 3

When a class is leveled, if there are two or fewer entries in Level 2, automatically combine those two or fewer entries with the Level 3 to become a class that is not leveled.

### Ranch Riding

Beginning January 2015, ranch horse pleasure is being renamed ranch riding and is being moved to Category 2. The rules remain the same.

Also in 2015, Versatility Ranch Horse becomes a separate division with a separate application form. The form will be available on the Manager's Resource page once completed. Check [www.aqha.com/showmanagers](http://www.aqha.com/showmanagers). Please refer to the 2015 AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations for complete rules. This will be available soon at [www.aqha.com/handbook](http://www.aqha.com/handbook).

### Special Events

When applying for special events, please be very clear on the number of points you are requesting. It is best to include a special-event application for each set of points; however, if you are requesting the same classes on each special event, you can submit one application along with a cover page detailing your needs.

### Horse/Rider Combination

SHW400.5 In Level 1 (Novice) youth, youth, Level 1 (Novice) amateur, Select amateur and amateur in individual working events (reining, working cow horse, boxing, western riding, barrel racing, pole bending, stakes race, jumping, working hunter, trail, breakaway roping, tie-down

roping, dally team roping-heading, dally team roping-heeling, team penning, ranch sorting and cutting), an exhibitor may show three horses regardless of sex (except youth, Level 1 (Novice) youth and Level 1 (Novice) amateur where stallions may not be exhibited).

Since showmanship, horsemanship and equitation over fences are not listed in this grouping, an exhibitor can show only once.

### **Entering at the Gate**

When offering leveled classes, an exhibitor cannot change levels at the gate. This must be done in the show office prior to the class. If an exhibitor enters at the gate and doesn't know their level, they are automatically entered in Level 3.

### **EWD Classes/Awards**

Remember, [Markel Insurance Co.](#) provides awards for your Equestrians With Disabilities classes. These awards will be given to the first-place exhibitor of each class and will be sent to the show manager of shows offering EWD classes the month prior to the show.

### **Score Sheets**

Please make sure you provide your judges with the most current score sheets. These can be printed from [www.aqha.com/resources](http://www.aqha.com/resources).

### **Helmet Rule**

Starting January 1, youth exhibitors will be required to wear an ASTM/SEI-approved hard hat with harness when competing at any AQHA-approved show in an English class, including flat and over-fences classes. This rule change was announced December 13, 2013, ([read the press release](#)).

### **Recognition**

Gloria Enger was recently recognized for her dedication and 60 years of service to the Minnesota Quarter Horse Association. Thank you Gloria for all you do for the American Quarter Horse industry! We hope you caught *The American Quarter Horse Journal's* feature on Gloria in December.



### **Promote Your Show Online**

Do you have news about your weekend show or circuit event? Contact AQHA Internet Editor Tara Matsler at [tmatsler@aqha.org](mailto:tmatsler@aqha.org) to have your show highlighted on [AQHA.com's Showing page](#). We recently redesigned the Showing page, and you'll see that we've bolstered resources, plus expanded news and show coverage, brought to you by the *Journal*. We look forward to sharing your news, too!

### **Q-Ribbon Newsletter**

Miss an issue of the *Q-Ribbon Newsletter*? Check them out at the [Q-Ribbon Newsletter Archives](#).

Thanks for all you do!

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