

**Ranching Committee Agenda
2017 Convention
San Antonio, Texas**

***The following agenda was approved by the AQHA Executive Committee. However, its implementation is subject to completing the computer programming required to make this change. AQHA will move forward with the approved agenda item after the necessary programming is done and with the completion of AQHA's computer system.*

RANCHING PERFORMANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Amend rule SHW103.4 to allow VRH shows to retain priority dates.
****Executive Committee Action: Approved**
2. Recommend to the Show Council that VRH All Around shows should have priority over regular shows offering individual VRH classes should a conflict arise with approval on the same weekend despite proximity.
****Executive Committee Action: Approved**
3. Delete wording from SHW553.3 "Entries close no later than one week prior to the event".
Executive Committee Action: Approved effective immediately
4. Add limited youth division for All-Around and also Year-End High-Point awards.
****Executive Committee Action: Approved**
5. In the Cowboy and Limited Open division in VRH and Ranching Heritage Challenge raise the eligibility cap from \$5,000 in the Cowboy and \$10,000 in the Limited Open division to \$15,000 in both.
****Executive Committee Action: Approved**
6. Amend rule SHW564 "Limited ranch cow work exhibitors are allotted one minute thirty seconds" and add "Exhibitors are NOT required to use all of the allotted time."
Executive Committee Action: Approved
7. Approve adding an additional Part four to the SHW564 Limited Ranch Cow Work: "Part Four – Drive the cow back down the fence past the middle marker and pull up to show completion. and add "Failure to drive the cow past the middle marker on the second drive before time expired would be a 1 point penalty ."
Executive Committee Action: Approved with amendment of Part Four – Drive the cow back down the fence past the middle marker and continue until judge blows whistle to show completion.
8. Delete from rule SHW564 Limited Ranch Cow Work "Any amateur or select rider may fall back one time to the limited ranch cow work."
****Executive Committee Action: Approved**

9. Add new class: Level 1 Open Ranch Riding as an approved AQHA class.
****Executive Committee Action: Approved**
10. Add new class: Ranch Trail to be offered at AQHA regular weekend shows as part of a slate of classes in 2019. Including the development of proper score sheets for judges, education of judges, and the assurance that the rules match for AQHA Ranch Trail and VRH Trail
****Executive Committee Action: Approved with amendment that this class be put under Category II and amendment that No horse may cross enter, trail and ranch trail or trail and versatility ranch trail class at the same show regardless of division (youth, amateur, select or open). This rule to be included in SHW461 and SHW561.**
11. Add to rule SHW563.2. VRH RANCH COW WORK, CREDITS AND PENALTIES the following wording:
- **1-point penalty: for a 2-loop catch in amateur and youth.**
- 2 Point Penalties: failure to catch if roping **in amateur/youth class.**
- 3 Point Penalties: **two-loop catch when roping in open/cowboy class**
- 5 Point Penalties: **failure to catch when roping in open/cowboy class**
Executive Committee Action: Approved
12. In all Versatility Ranch Horse classes, add to all score sheets for all classes to include a column for "Eye Appeal" for the judge to evaluate all ranch classes. Add a description at the top of judges score sheet that explains that Eye Appeal pertains to the horse, equipment and attire and is indented to maintain the authenticity of the ranch horse classes using a point range of -1.5 to +1.5
****Executive Committee Action: Approved with amendment Eye Appeal pertains to the form of the horse working, equipment and attire and is intended to maintain the authenticity of the ranch horse classes using a point range of -1.5 to +1.5**
13. Add a designated penalty in VRH RANCH CUTTING for the following:
A. ~~Hot quit~~
B. ~~Switching cattle in accordance with NRCHA Herd Work.~~
C. ~~Failure to make a cut~~
Executive Committee Action: Approved with change to verbiage and add penalties
A. Hot quit (3 point penalty)
B. Changing cattle after a specific commitment (5 point penalty)
C. Failure to separate a single animal after leaving the herd (5 point penalty)
14. Amend rules SHW416 RANCH RIDING and SHW560 VRH RANCH RIDING to allow show management to run AQHA Ranch Riding and VRH Ranch Riding concurrently if held within a full VRH show. If held concurrently, AQHA Ranch Riding rules (SHW416-419.7) would apply.
Executive Committee Action: Approved

15. Amend rule SHW 305.8.1 to allow the use of the two-rein in the VRH Ranch Reining, VRH Ranch Cutting and all Ranching Heritage Challenge Cow Classes.

Executive Committee Action: Denied- Keep rule SHW305.8.1 as it is currently written.

16. Add to SHW556 VRH CLASS PARTICIPATION the following: "*While riding with a romal, a get down rope may be used. A get down will be defined as a small rope tied around the neck of a horse and run back to the rider or tied to the saddle and used to lead, ground tie, or tie the horse.*

Executive Committee Action: Approved with amendment of A get down will be defined as a small rope tied around the neck of a horse with a bowline or other non-slip knot

17. Clarify penalty in SHW563. VRH RANCH COW WORK The complete loss of rope will be judged as off-pattern and exhibitors cannot place above those who complete the pattern.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

18. Add new rule under SHW461 & SHW561. TRAIL & VRH Ranch Trail. No horse may cross enter trail and versatility ranch trail class at the same show regardless of division (youth, amateur, select or open).

****Executive Committee Action: Approved**

19. Add new rule under SHW480 & SHW562. REINING & VRH Ranch Reining. No horse may cross enter reining and versatility ranch reining class at the same show regardless of division (youth, amateur, select or open).

****Executive Committee Action: Approved**

20. Add following language to SHW 406 & SHW560. Western Pleasure & VRH RANCH RIDING: "No horse may cross enter Western Pleasure and Ranch Riding or Western Pleasure and VRH Ranch Riding at the same show, regardless of the division."

****Executive Committee Action: Approved with addition of "No horse may cross enter Western Pleasure and VRH Ranch Riding at the same show, regardless of the division." to rule SHW416.2.**

RANCHING HERITAGE SUBCOMMITTEE

The following items will also be discussed:

1. Revise application on Ranching Heritage Breeder application in order to keep in-line with the objectives and purposes of the program.

- Ranch must breed and register at least five foals annually
- List three references with at least one being a current Ranching Heritage Breeder member

Executive Committee Action: Approved

~~2. Revise criteria of Ranching Heritage Breeder of the Year application with consideration of long-standing family-operated ranches and Past AQHA Best Remuda winners are not eligible to be nominated.~~

Executive Committee Action: Approved with amendment - Revise criteria of Ranching Heritage Breeder of the Year application with consideration of long-standing family-operated ranches. Past AQHA Best Remuda winners are not eligible to be nominated.

3. Define when a RHB applicant is approved; horses of newly approved Ranching Heritage Breeders are eligible to be enrolled in the Ranching Heritage Challenge back to the year in which the breeder earned its 10-year AQHA breeder award.

****Executive Committee Action: Approved**

4. Distribute payments to the breeders of the 22 horses from the 2011 enrollment year that competed in Ranching Heritage Challenge in the open 4-year-old class. Payments will be \$500 to the top 10 placing horses from the 2015 RHC events and \$150 to the remaining 12 horses.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

5. Develop criteria to recognize organizations that will be researched to determine best format to recognize top RHB horses in the respective associations' competitions.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

6. ~~In cooperation with Zoetis, develop a cattle/horse combo vaccination program for Ranching Heritage Breeders.~~ **Executive Committee Action: Approved with amendment - In cooperation with Zoetis, develop a ranch vaccination program for cattle and horse for Ranching Heritage Breeders.**

7. Redefine a comprehensive marketing and advertising plan.

Executive Committee Action: Approved

8. Add the following checkbox to the RHB renewal form, "In keeping with the requirements of the Ranching Heritage Breeder program, I've bred and registered at least five foals in {current year}."

****Executive Committee Action: Approved**

9. Investigate ways for Young Horse Development participants to engage in 4-H events and maintain contact with past Young Horse Development participants to inform them of opportunities in RHC events.

Executive Committee Action: Approved