

**Amateur Committee Agenda
2018 Convention
Jacksonville, Florida**

1. Welcome by Chair
2. Committee guidelines
3. Meeting protocol
4. Member review of and comments on agenda items
5. Nominations for Committee Chair (Saturday)

Agenda Items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:

6. Amend rule SHW225.3.1 shown, judged, trained or assisted in training a horse (whether or not a registered American Quarter Horse) for remuneration, monetary or otherwise, either directly or indirectly **with the exception of an approved apprentice program**. Payment of entry fees and/or expenses by anyone other than the amateur, the amateur's "Immediate Family" as defined herein or an amateur's collegiate team and/or nationally sponsored team (team demonstrations, exhibitions or international competitions only) shall be considered remuneration; – (staff)
7. Consider amending AQHA Amateur eligibility rules in regards to sponsorship and endorsements in order to further clarify guidelines in our rulebook and the term indirectly. SHW225.3.1 – (staff)
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9. Amend rule SHW225.3.4 held credentials of horse show judge for AQHA or any other **breed** association. **They may hold a judges card with the following affiliate associations: NCHA, NRCHA, and NRHA.** – (member)
10. ~~Delete rule SHW225.3.4 held credentials of horse show judge for AQHA or any other equine organization; – (member)~~
11. ~~Delete rule SHW225.5 Notwithstanding SHW225.3.4 above, an individual who is 65 years of age or older and holds horse show judging credentials for AQHA or any other equine organization but has not judged in the previous twelve months is eligible to immediately apply for amateur membership so long as he/she meets all other amateur eligibility requirements and relinquishes his/her horse show judging credentials. – (member)~~
12. Amend rule SHW227. To become eligible for amateur membership, or become eligible for reinstatement to amateur membership, ~~the individual must wait a period~~

~~of up to three years from the date of the last incident which rendered the individual ineligible. Violation of AQHA's rule requirement for truthful application for amateur status may be cause for more severe sanction than such waiting period~~ **an individual may be required to wait a period of time from the date of the incident, or the end date of the activity, which rendered the individual ineligible, as long as he/she meets all other amateur eligibility requirements.**

SHW227.1 If the individual is less than 65, the waiting period is up to three years

SHW227.2 If the individual is 65 years or older, there is no waiting period.

SHW227.3 Violation of AQHA's rule requirement for truthful application for amateur status may be cause for more severe sanction than such waiting period listed in SHW227.1 and SHW227.2 – (member)

13. ~~Delete rule SHW245.3.1 earned a superior award in a particular class in any equine organization or association with a membership of more than 7,500 members (including AQHA):~~ – (member)

14. Add rule SHW245.3.6 **When an exhibitor reaches 70 years of age or older (i.e. Super Select), they may return to Level 1 if they meet the eligibility requirements for a period of 5 years as listed in SHW245.3; SHW245.3.1, SHW245.3.3, SHW245.3.4 and SHW245.3.5** – (member)

15. Amend rule SHW250. LEVELING - YOUTH, AMATEUR, OPEN DIVISIONS- Youth and amateur division classes will be based on the exhibitor's show record. Open division classes, with the exception of cattle and halter classes, will be based on the horse's record. Open division cattle and halter classes will be leveled by exhibitor record. Rookie eligibility for horse and exhibitor is based on lifetime points earned by class. Open level 1 eligibility is based on lifetime points and money earned by class. Horse and rider eligibility, for all other levels, is ~~calculated on a three-year~~ **based on lifetime points earned by class, which is calculated on a** cumulative time period of November 1 through October 31 to determine the horse and rider eligibility level(s) for the next competition year. – (member)

Agenda Items for discussion only:

16. Goals for the Amateur Division

17. Propose marketing and publicity ideas to enhance and grow AQHA Amateur membership at the national and local level

18. Discuss ideas to increase participation in Amateur classes at all AQHA events including the World Show(s)

19. Discuss the age limit of AQHYA changing from 18 to 24 so members remain in the youth division during college – (Agenda item for Youth Committee)

Closing Business:

20. Election of Committee Chair

21. Adjourn