

**Show Committee Agenda
2020 Convention
Las Vegas, Nevada**

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)
6. Review of agenda items by subcommittees

Agenda items eligible for membership & Board of Directors consideration:

GENERAL SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Modify rule SHW127. Show Officials. Show Officials are defined as any person performing the duties of a show manager, ~~steward~~, ring steward or show secretary. **A show official is any individual retained and/or paid by show management.** Show officials, with the exception of ring stewards, must have a current AQHA individual membership. Any reputable person may act in the capacity of a show official who can furnish proof that he/she is capable through ability or experience.
2. Amend rule SHW127.1 Show Officials. ~~No show official or member of their immediate family, any children or other relatives living in the same household of either or both of the married persons, or any person owning or leasing the grounds on which a show is being held whose ownership could influence the outcome of any show held on such property, shall enter or exhibit horses in any AQHA-approved open or amateur show at which he/she is officiating, nor may any horse owned by such person be entered and exhibited. Youth events and alliance shows, where it is acceptable by the rules of the alliance, are excluded from coverage under this rule.~~

Proposed Rule Change

None of the following persons may enter or exhibit horses, nor may any horse owned by any of the following persons be entered and exhibited, in any AQHA-approved open or amateur show: (a) any show official [as defined in SHW127] for such particular AQHA-approved open or amateur show at which he/she is a show official; (b) any member of the immediate family [as defined in SHW220.1] of a show official, if such immediate family

member is also living in the same household; or (c) the owner or tenant of the grounds on which such particular AQHA-approved open or amateur show is being held and whose ownership could influence the outcome of such show.

3. Amend rule SHW220.1 Immediate Family. Allow established step-children and grandchildren to show AQHA even after a divorce between the blood parents and the horse owning grandparent.
4. Consider proposal to add new rule to VIO240. Prohibited Assistance. **When an exhibitor is experiencing special health or mobility issues, one may appeal to show judges and/or show officials in order to enable them to show their horse. Exhibitor assistance with tracking in of an animal in halter class may be instituted, if the exhibitors is able to lead and show the horse, but just is unable to travel fast enough to keep up with the trot. The horse may be transferred to the exhibitor in the lineup at the end of arena, is in world show formations, or in the judging lineup at individual qualifying events.**
(Halter subcommittee to make recommendation to General subcommittee as primary)
5. Amend rule SHW400.8 Performance Classes. No **Any** horse may be shown in more than one youth or amateur subdivision of any type of event. (Example: A horse ridden in a reining class by a youth in the 11-year-old and younger group cannot also be ridden in a reining class by a youth in the 15-through 18-year-old group). However, the same horse may be shown in a Level 1 class then shown by another exhibitor or same exhibitor in Level 2 or 3 youth or amateur division. (Amateur Committee to make recommendation to General subcommittee as primary) **
6. Consider proposal to add new classes to rule to SHW764. AQHA Approved Equestrians with Disabilities (EWD) Classes. **
7. Amend rules SHW774.4 EWD Showmanship at Halter – Individual Work, SHW775.3 EWD Walk/Trot Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat – Individual Work, SHW776.3 EWD Walk, Trot, Canter, Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat – Independent – Individual Work, SHW779.3 EWD Walk & Jog Western Horsemanship – Independent or Supported – Individual Work, SHW780.3 EWD Walk, Jog and Lope Western Horsemanship – Independent – Individual Work; The judge ~~must~~ **may** select an AQHA-approved EWD pattern.
8. Amend rules SHW775.2 EWD Walk & Trot Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat, SHW776.2 WED Walk/Trot/Canter hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat – Independent, SHW779.2 EWD Walk/Jog Western Horsemanship – Independent or Supported, and SHW780.2 EWD Walk/Jog/Lope Western Horsemanship – Independent; Class Procedure. All exhibitors must enter the ring and then work individually, or each exhibitor may be worked from the gate individually. When exhibitors are worked individually from the gate, a working order is required.

Exhibitors should be instructed to either leave the arena, fall into line, or fall into place on the rail after their individual work. The whole class, or just the finalists, ~~must~~ **may** work at the appropriate gaits at least one direction of the arena.

9. Modify rules SHW783.4 EWD Walk, Jog/Trot Tail Horse Class – Independent or Supported and SHW784.3 EWD Walk, Jog/Trot, Lope Trail Horse Class – Independent; Course. Refer to SHW461 for acceptable and unacceptable obstacles. Safety should be the first consideration in designing and setting up the course. **The gate must be an open ride through obstacle.** All obstacles found in SHW461 are acceptable however the following are unacceptable: carrying an object, water hazard, slicker, mailbox.
10. Amend rule SHW755.3 Walk/Trot Classes. There is no year-end high-point ~~and~~ it is ~~not~~ a World Show class. Walk/ trot points do ~~not~~ count for Performance Halter qualification. An exhibitor may earn any number of points and continue in the walk/ trot or progress to the rookie level in their respective class at their own pace. Walk/Trot points do not affect exhibitor or horse eligibility in any level or division. (General subcommittee to make recommendation to World Show subcommittee as primary) **

11. Discussion Items

SHOW FORMAT AND PROCEDURES SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Add new rule to SHW101. New/First-Time Show/Special Event. Allow points to be awarded to quarter horses entered at county fairs. **
2. Add new rule to SHW112. Classes. Allow AQHA and other registered breed horses to show concurrently in the same class at an AQHA show. Each respective breed to be placed separately.
3. Add new rule to SHW120.2 Inspections/Testing. **Shows holding an AQHA VRH show along with a regular AQHA show, any horse who enters both the AQHA show and the AQHA VRH show does not have to pay two processing fees.** **
4. Affiliate Advisory Board to report recommendation allowing multiple affiliates in each state.
5. Judge Conflict subcommittee Task Force report.
6. Discussion Items

LEVELING SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Consider proposal to review with an intent to make appropriate improvements where and if necessary, all rules pertaining to Leveling. **
2. Modify rule SHW117.1 Amateur Division Approval. **Amateur and Select classes may be leveled allowing both classes to receive points for the total number of horses entered in both classes.** **
3. Amend rule SHW245.3.1 Level 1 Eligibility. Earned a superior award within the past ~~40~~ **3** years in a particular class in any equine organization or association with a membership of more than 7,500 members (including AQHA). **
4. 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.~~ **
5. Modify rule SHW250. Leveling – Youth, Amateur, Open Divisions. Consider proposal to create new ranking method with a minimum allowed level. **
6. Amend rule SHW400.4 Performance Classes. In a leveled class that is run concurrent [Level 2 and Level 3], an exhibitor may show a maximum of four horses. If less than three entries in Level 2 ~~or Level 3~~, entries will be combined with Level 3. **
7. Discussion Items

WESTERN & TIMED EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Amend rule SHW416.1 Ranch Riding. For horses three years of age and older, offered as a Level 1, junior, senior or all-age open division class, and as an all age class for Level 1 youth, youth, **13 & under and 14-18 youth**, Level 1 amateur, **Level 1 Select amateur**, Select amateur, and amateur. (Western subcommittee to make recommendation to Ranching Committee as primary) **
2. Amend rule SHW437.1 Penalties. Three (3) points: ~~Obviously looking down to check leads.~~ SHW437.2 Five (5) points **Obviously looking down to check leads**
3. Modify rule SHW520. Roping Events. **If the barrier works and the contestant breaks out, a penalty will be assessed. The penalty will be carried over on a re-run steer or a steer that leaves the area.**
4. Consider proposal to add a new class Working Western Rail. **

5. Amend rule SHW529.7 Dally Team Roping. Riders are to stay mounted. When both ropes are dalled and both horses are facing on tight rope, run is completed. Prohibit excessive stretching of the steers. Definition of excessive stretching is intentional and continuous stretching of the steer after the horses have faced. The rope must be wrapped around the saddle horn at least one complete turn before it is considered a dally. ~~Riders age 50 and over and females are permitted to~~ **No exhibitor may** have their rope tied onto the horn of the saddle when heeling **except in select heeling class.**
6. Amend rule SHW452. Western Riding. Consider proposal to add reverse pattern layout for the 3 current Level 1 patterns.
7. Modify rule SHW461. Trail. Credit will be given to horses negotiating the obstacles with style, some degree of speed, **positive expression, and minimal visible or audible cueing,** providing correctness is not sacrificed.
8. Modify rule add to SHW521. Roping. The judge may at his discretion award new cattle to enable contestant to show his horse's ability on the cow including:
 - SHW521.1 The cow won't run or stops
 - SHW521.2 Chute or barrier malfunctions
 - SHW521.3 Cow turns back immediately
 - SHW521.4 Cow leaves arena
 - **SHW521.5 Cow has a broken horn**
 - **SHW521.6 The judge may blow a whistle at any time during the work. One whistle to terminate the work for safety reasons, two whistles to award a new cow**
9. Modify rule SHW521.2 Roping Events, if the chute or barrier malfunctions **and the rider can visibly see it is, he must declare by pulling up or attempting to pull up and not try to go on with the run. If he does not declare, he accepts the situation as is.**
10. Amend rule SHW527.2 Tie-Down Roping; Penalties Two (2) point. Rubbing the rope **(only penalized one time per run).**
11. Modify rule SHW547.12 Ranch Sorting. Prior to a team crossing the start/foul line the team must notify the judge of any unnumbered, injured or unfit cattle. Once brought to the judge's attention the judge (not the contestants) will determine whether to correct the problem or proceed forward. No re-rides will be given once a team has committed to the cattle by crossing the start/foul line. If at the judge's discretion, a re-ride is given because of unnumbered, injured or unfit cattle, the re-ride will occur immediately using the same numbered cattle once unnumbered, injured or unfit cattle are replaced. **If a cow is changed out due to being unworkable, all for the teams that have already run in that set have the option of a rerun with the new herd.**

12. Amend rule SHW618 Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat; Basic Position. To mount, take up reins in left hand and place hand on withers. Grasp stirrup leather with right hand and insert left foot in stirrup and mount. ~~To dismount, rider may either step down or slide down. The size of rider must be taken into consideration.~~
Judges should not ask exhibitors to mount or dismount.
13. Modify rule SHW701.1 Barrel Race; Course. **Laser locators are legal to use when setting barrel course.**
14. Discussion Items.

ENGLISH & DRESSAGE SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Consider proposal to create Non AQHA-Approved Developing classes for all English Special Events. **
2. Modify rule SHW311.1 English Optional Equipment. Spurs of the unrowelled type that are blunt, round or that include a smooth rolling rubber **or stainless-steel** ball and no longer than one inch.
3. Amend rule SHW621.2.1 Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat; Penalties.
Three (3) points
~~Break of gait at the walk or trot up to 2 strides
Over or under turn from 1/8 to 1/4 turn~~
Missing a diagonal up to 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail
SHW621.2.2 Five (5) points
~~Missing a diagonal up to 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail~~
Missing a diagonal for more than 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail
SHW621.2.3 Ten (10) points
~~Missing a diagonal for more than 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail~~
4. Amend rule SHW621.2.1 Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat; Penalties.
Three (3) points
~~Obviously looking down to check leads or diagonals~~
Missing a diagonal up to 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail
SHW621.2.2 Five (5) points
Obviously looking down to check leads or diagonals
~~Missing a diagonal up to 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail~~
5. Amend rule SHW621.2.1 Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat; Penalties.
Five (5) points
~~Loss of iron Head carried too low and/or clearly behind the vertical while the horse is in motion, showing the appearance of intimidation~~
SHW621.2.3 Ten (10) points
Loss of iron head carried too low and/or clearly behind the vertical while the horse is in motion, showing the appearance of intimidation.

6. Modify rule SHW637.3 Working Hunter; Course or Arena Arrangement. Distance between fences is recommended to be in 12-foot (3.5 meters) increments with the exception of some combinations: one stride in and out, 24-26 feet (7 meters); two strides in and out, 36 feet (11 meters); three strides, 48 feet (14.5 meters) **In Rookie classes exhibitor may add one stride in standard set line without penalty as long as it is done consistently throughout the course. Footage of distance between fences must be on the posted courses if footage is not posted then management is required to allow a course walk prior to class;**
7. Amend rule SHW638. Fence Heights. Create a chart of fence heights for all Over Fence classes.
8. Modify rule SHW638.6 Fence Heights. Fence Heights: Minimum height for Rookie class must be a 2' with maximum height of 2'3". Due to low fence height in Rookie over fence events it is recommended that the distance between fences be in 11 feet increments. Also recommended that the course not contain combinations such as one or two stride elements or oxers for use in Level 1 and Rookie events. **If select amateurs are required to combine to regular amateur classes because of rule SHW117.1.1 or select classes are not offered, select amateur exhibitor may show at the select fence height within the regular amateur class.**

Add: **SHW638.7 Rookie classes may not have oxers in class. In and outs are not allowed in any rookie or level 1 class.**
9. Discuss eligibility requirements for Working Hunter Under Saddle. **
10. Discussion Items

WORLD SHOW SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Review show manager's proposal to host a full show of English and Western Dressage classes at the 2020 World Show.
2. Consider proposal to implement the five-judge judging system for Level 1 Stakes Classes. **
3. Consider proposal to implement participation qualification for all classes at the World Show. **
4. Consider proposal to allow an exhibitor who has qualified a horse for the World Show in both Level 2 and Level 3 to be allowed to show against those horses in separate runs. **
5. Consider proposal to use an electronic barrier in place of a rope barrier at AQHA World shows.

6. Consider proposal to add a Level 2 division to the 2-year-old Western Pleasure class. **
7. Consider proposal to add the time element to the scoring of the Heading and Heeling classes at World Show.
8. Consider proposal to move Select World roping classes to be held at the World Show. (Amateur Committee to make recommendation to World Show subcommittee as primary)
9. Consider proposal to change the five-judge Halter judging system to a four-judge judging system; only dropping the low placing. (Halter subcommittee to make recommendation to World Show subcommittee) **
10. Amend rule SHW755.3 Walk/Trot Classes. There is no year-end high-point and it is ~~not~~ a World Show class. Walk/ trot points do ~~not~~ count for Performance Halter qualification. An exhibitor may earn any number of points and continue in the walk/ trot or progress to the rookie level in their respective class at their own pace. Walk/Trot points do not affect exhibitor or horse eligibility in any level or division. (General subcommittee to make recommendation to World Show subcommittee as primary) **
11. Amend World Show rule. ~~No~~ Weanlings may be shown at both the Select World and the Amateur division at the World Show in the same year, ~~even~~ with different exhibitors. (Halter subcommittee to make recommendation to World Show subcommittee as primary) **
12. Add a new rule: For countries that have an AQHA Affiliate, an exhibitor who qualifies for any AQHA World Show, using the International qualifying system, must be a member of that AQHA Affiliate operating in the coinciding country. (International Committee recommendation to World Show subcommittee)
13. Amend rule SHW201.1 General Provisions. Consider amending the AQHYA World Championship Show handbook to increase the number of affiliate entries allowed based on the number of AQHYA members per state and remove the limit on the number of affiliate entries allowed per class. (Youth Committee recommendation to World Show subcommittee)
14. Consider proposal to add Amateur Horsemanship Challenge Event to 2020 AQHA World Show (Amateur Committee to make recommendation to World Show subcommittee as primary)
15. Consider proposal for All-Around Awards at Select and Amateur World Shows. (Amateur Committee to make recommendation to World Show subcommittee as primary)
16. Consider proposal for AQHA Championship Shows (Open, Amateur, Youth, Select, Level 1) Performance Halter eligibility, that barrel racing, pole bending,

stake race classes that race against the clock, require a horse complete the pattern, without disqualification, and with a clock time of faster than a 6-D (Divisional) time. It is further proposed that the owner (or AQHA qualified relation), or the exhibitor that shows the horse in the AQHA championship qualifying performance class (including Level eligibility) at that show, be the exhibitor of the horse in the Performance Halter class. (Halter subcommittee to make recommendation to World Show subcommittee as primary) **

17. Discussion Items

AWARDS RECOGNITION & MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Modify rule SHW245.3.5. Level 1 Eligibility. Won a total of \$5,000 in cash and prizes with any equine organization or association by class including earning from Equistat in excess of \$5,000. **
2. Discussion Items

HALTER SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Consider proposal for AQHA Championship Shows (Open, Amateur, Youth, Select, Level 1) Performance Halter eligibility, that barrel racing, pole bending, stake race classes that race against the clock, require a horse complete the pattern, without disqualification, and with a clock time of faster than a 6-D (Divisional) time. It is further proposed that the owner (or AQHA qualified relation), or the exhibitor that shows the horse in the AQHA championship qualifying performance class (including Level eligibility) at that show, be the exhibitor of the horse in the Performance Halter class. (Halter subcommittee to make recommendation to World Show subcommittee as primary) **
2. Amend World Show rule. ~~No~~ Weanlings **may** be shown at both the Select World and the Amateur division at the World Show in the same year, ~~even~~ with different exhibitors. (Halter subcommittee to make recommendation to World Show subcommittee as primary) **
3. Consider proposal to change the five-judge Halter judging system to a four-judge judging system; only dropping the low placing. (Halter subcommittee to make recommendation to World Show subcommittee) **
4. Add new rule to SHW350 Halter Classes. Allow an exhibitor to have another member walk and trot a horse for an exhibitor who is physically challenged or needs special accommodations.
5. Add new rule to VIO240. Prohibited Assistance. **When an exhibitor is experiencing special health or mobility issues, one may appeal to show judges and/or show officials, in order to enable them to show their horse.**

Exhibitor assistance with tracking in of an animal in halter class may be instituted, if the exhibitors able to lead and show the horse, but just is unable to travel fast enough to keep up with the trot. The horse may be transferred to the exhibitor in the lineup at the end of arena, is in world show formations, or in the judging lineup at individual qualifying events.

6. Add new rule to SHW350 Halter Classes. Weanling horses will be awarded points in halter classes. **
7. Discuss rule SHW365 Performance Halter. Define performance halter judging criteria in order to reward the quarter horse that is balanced, well mannered, and with structural correctness.
8. Add new rule to SHW350 Halter Classes. Add minor, major, and severe fault wording that is used by WCHA and other standard wording used in judging halter. (Judges Committee to make recommendation to Halter subcommittee as primary)
9. Add new rule to SHW362.4 Procedure for Judging Halter. Judges should disqualify and excuse from the ring prior to final placing a horse that:
SHW362.4.8 Incorrect Pattern. All contestants that do not complete the prescribed pattern correctly in three attempts. Exception: Contestants in all Youth and Amateur divisions that do not complete the prescribed pattern within three attempts are not to be automatically disqualified but should be considered in placing according to severity. (Judges Committee to make recommendation to Halter subcommittee as primary)
10. Discussion Items

CLOSING BUSINESS

1. Voting by full committee on agenda items
2. Election of Committee Chair
3. Adjourn

** Denotes Computer Programming Requirement