

**Shows & Professional Horsemen Committee Agenda  
Houston, Texas  
2013**

**GENERAL SUBCOMMITTEE**

**The following recommendations will be discussed:**

1. Modify rule – SHW251.5, SHW251.6– clarify what level a person is actually in.
2. Add new class - “in hand trail” for yearlings and two year olds.
3. Revise EWD rule – to allow additional patterns with certain maneuvers not being required.
4. Allow two handed showing for International Affiliates at their All-Novice shows.
5. Modify rule - SHW260.4 – to award the horse placing first in any class, with less than 5 entries to earn a half point.
6. Modify rule – SHW260.3 – to award points with four or fewer entries.
7. Modify rule regarding green classes – raise the money earned in all green classes from \$1,000 to \$5,000.
8. Modify rule – SHW133-134 – allow AQHA stewards to have the same authority and rights at AQHA sanctioned events as USEF stewards are designated in USEF.

## SHOW FORMAT & PROCEDURES SUBCOMMITTEE

The following recommendations will be discussed:

1. Review alignment/designation of categories for shows.
2. Modify rule – SHW122.1 – Show management CANNOT require participation in a halter class for any type of circuit award (other than halter classes), high-point award, all-around award, or entry fee reduction.
3. Modify rule SHW108.10.8 an exhibitor, who has placed in the top 10 in any a class at an AQHA World Show, **in the past three years** is not eligible to compete at an Introductory Show ~~in the class in which they placed in the top 10~~ **in that particular class.**
4. Change the show calendar to begin January 1<sup>st</sup> and all shows will keep their same dates, including all holidays and that AQHA staff will work exclusively with all Stock Show and fairs that number the calendar with week one being the first complete week in January.
5. Add rule – that during timed events, the name of the exhibitor and the horse are to be announced.
6. Allow working cow horse to be added to the roping classes at a special event.
7. Modify rule SHW108.3 – to allow existing special events in good standing, that have been held for three consecutive years (same location and dates) to apply to be double judged.
8. Modify Rule – SHW128.9 – add The Show manager will post in a public area the name and phone number of the AQHA steward and/or other individual who can be contacted at any time day or night during the show.

## WESTERN & TIMED EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

### The following recommendations will be discussed:

1. Modify rule SHW417.5 – In ranch pleasure emphasize that not only will lack of forward motion be penalized, but so will excessive speed and lack of a “pleasure” attitude.
2. Modify rule SHW416.1 – to include junior and senior to Ranch Horse Pleasure.
3. Suggested pattern change in Ranch Horse Pleasure– modify pattern two and three so that there is not an extended lope going in to the stop.
4. Suggested pattern change in Ranch Horse Pleasure– modify pattern three and four to require only one spin in either direction.
5. Modify existing rule SHW417- In Ranch Pleasure posting at the extended trot is acceptable/desirable.
6. Add new rule in Ranch Pleasure– touching/grabbing the saddle horn is acceptable in Ranch Horse pleasure.
7. Add three new classes for the fastest pole time, fastest barrel time and fastest stake race of the show. Exhibitors will not run horses in the class but must pay an entry fee and roll the time from the first class the horse is entered. Place the class according to times.
8. Allow Western Riding Pattern V for Green Western Riding.
9. Modify rule SHW557 – In Ranch Trail allow only one set of poles in a row for lope and trot overs per pattern.
10. Add Ranch Horse Trail – Open/Amateur and Youth to the list of classes offered by AQHA. – Add as an all age class, Amateur and Youth divisions.
11. In Versatility Ranch – Allow Boxing instead of going down the fence.
12. In Versatility Ranch Horse – cutting – allow 2 ½ minutes to allow people adequate time to separate their numbered cow and work another unnumbered cow.
13. In Versatility Ranch Horse – cutting - penalize for a hot quit.
14. Clarify rule in Versatility Ranch Horse – working ranch horse regarding illegal head catch.
15. Modify rule SHW570.2 – In order for a catch to be legal; the loop must hold in front of the shoulders and replace with **any catch that holds other than one front leg or the tail, shall be considered legal.**

16. In Versatility Ranch Horse, separate Ranch Trail and Ranch Riding.
17. Add Youth to the Versatility Ranch Horse World Show.
18. Modify rule SHW559.2 - Hobble or ground tie (contestant's option)- The horse shall remain in place while the rider dismounts and performs a normal ranch task such as moving a rail. moving a bale of hay, etc. **When riding with a romal and a get down, romal may be draped/half-hitched over saddle horn and get down will be placed on the ground. If riding with split reins, only one rein is required to be placed on the ground. When riding with a mecate (snaffle bit or bosal), only the get down portion (lead) is required to be placed on the ground with the rein loop draped over the saddle horn.**
19. Add new rule in Versatility Ranch Horse – Exhibitors are permitted to use a breakaway hondo. A three point penalty will be assessed for not stopping cow.
20. Add new rule in Versatility Ranch Horse – The use of two rein is allowed as recognized by alliance partner (NRCHA) in AQHA working cow horse.
21. Add new pattern in Versatility Ranch Horse
22. Modify SHW553 – In Versatility Ranch Horse allow ranch riding first followed by ranch trail.
23. Review rules and make recommendation to develop more uniform rules between RSNC and AQHA.

## ENGLISH & DRESSAGE SUBCOMMITTEE

The following recommendations will be discussed:

1. Modify rule SHW310.3 – Saddles must be black and/or brown leather or synthetic material of a traditional hunting or forward seat type, knee insert on the skirt is optional.
2. Modify rule SHW320.2 - ASTM/SEI approved hard hat with a harness in all English Flat and Over Fence classes is mandatory.
3. Add a class – Utility Driving – pattern work is required.
4. Modify rule SHW610.4 – add that all exhibitors must carry a whip in hand at all times. Failure to do so will result in a severe penalty. The thong of the whip must be long enough to reach the shoulder of the horse.
5. Add a class – Pleasure Driving Reinsmanship Class.
6. Add a class – Handy hunter in the junior, senior, amateur and youth.
7. Clarify Progressive Working Hunter.
8. Allow Dressage to be offered as a stand-alone AQHA Special Event outside of USDF/USEF.
9. Appoint a task force for the development of a new discipline – Western Dressage.
10. Add Western Dressage as a class and form an alliance with the Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA).

## **WORLD SHOW SUBCOMMITTEE**

### **The following recommendations will be discussed:**

1. Add 2-yr old Open Hunter Under Saddle or 3-yr old Open Hunter under Saddle at World Show.
2. Add Green classes - Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Trail and Western Riding to the World Show.
3. Add a hand gallop in Hunter Under Saddle at the World Show only and be limited with 15 horses or less in the arena.
4. Change the World Show format to allow the open division to the first half and the amateur division to the second part and move the barrel race, pole bending, team penning and ranch sorting to the last weekend.
5. Add a dollar per entry fee that would be used as added money to each of the world shows and the incentive fund.
6. Consider exhibitors disqualified in jumping finals to be eligible for a top ten placing.

## HALTER SUBCOMMITTEE

The following recommendations will be discussed:

1. Modify rule SHW116.3.1/SHW117.3.2/SHW118.2.2/SHW118.5.9 - Once halter age groups are combined and additional entries are taken, it is mandatory **an option** that halter age groups be split to the originally scheduled classes should 1/2 point or more become available in each age group. Performance Halter would continue to be offered as a separate class.
2. Add new halter classes for 4-year olds.
3. Allow Show management the option to offer Jr. / Sr. Halter classes.

## **AWARDS, RECOGNITION & MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE**

**The following recommendations will be discussed:**

1. Allow novice Amateur class to receive incentive fund money.
2. Allow older AQHA horses that were not enrolled in the Incentive Fund.
3. Modify Stallion nomination fee for incentive fund to be lowered.
4. Adopt a program that allows open shows to offer a class for all breeds that would give AQHA credits, similar to the programs put on by the American Paint Horse Association, Palomino Horse Breeders of America, Appaloosa Horse, American Ranch Horse and the Pony of the Americas.
5. Review from task force current awards given for certificates, trophies and plaques.

## **YOUTH SHOWING SUBCOMMITTEE**

**The following recommendations will be discussed:**

1. Review/discuss – must be 9 years of age by January 1 of the show year in order to show in halter and performance halter at youth world championship show.
2. Add new program – “Emerging Athletes Program”