



For Immediate Release:

Q-Ribbon August 2012

Deadlines to remember

Prior to August 1, AQHA should receive your December show application(s) and any corrections to your November show(s).

Show Applications / Judges

Reminder: When filling out your show application, if you have several shows/numbers, please detail what judge is judging which show number. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary. This will reduce the number of judge's report cards a judge receives, as well as facilitate your show results.

Halter

If you have more than four judges at your show, keep in mind AQHA guidelines specify that no more than four judges can judge in the arena at any particular time. That said, if you have more than four judges, you will need to be creative with halter classes. Suggestions are welcome. What are you doing in those situations?

Speed Events

Suggestions from a recent AQHA Speed-Events Task Force, which may increase your barrel/pole entries include:

- Jackpots – money is always good!
- Footing – be sure to offer appropriate footing
- Be sensitive to scheduling options – they don't always have to be first or last!

Rookie Eligibility

Rookie eligibility lists for both horse and exhibitors are now on the webpage – check out the information [here](#) for more details.

Dress Code

We have received comments from exhibitors regarding show management attire. Although there is not an official AQHA dress code, please remember you are at a horse show and dress accordingly.

Essential Items

What can you NOT do without at a show? Help us compile a list that we will share with everyone.

Newsletter topics

What do you want us to cover? What hot topics do you see that need to be addressed? Let us know!

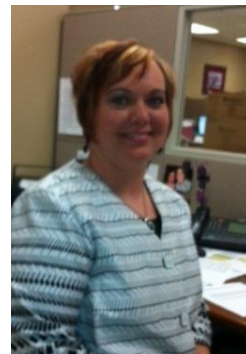
Congrats!

Congratulations to the Iowa Show Circuit on 45 years! Originally known as the Iowa 7-Day Run, the Iowa Show Circuit had its beginning in 1966 when a group of people met after returning from the Minnesota Run and discussed whether a run of that sort would work in Iowa. At that time, no one anticipated that the Iowa Show Circuit would become one of the longest-running Quarter Horse runs in the Midwest!

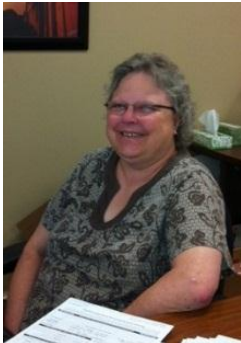
What accomplishments do you have with your show? Please let us know so we can share!

Competition Department Featured Employees

Carla Nelson – Competition Department Supervisor. Carla has been with AQHA for 11 years. She previously worked in the customer service department and in general administration as the administrative secretary for Don Treadway, Jackie Payne and Tom Persechino. Carla was promoted to Competition Supervisor in June of 2011. Currently, Carla organizes, coordinates and manages the work processed of the clerks in the AQHA Competition Department. She trains Competition personnel, assists Competition Staff, AQHA Staff,



customers and industry personnel in solving problems, requests for information, statistics and reports. Carla enjoys spending time with her family and watching her son, Skyler, play baseball.



Kim George – Competition Department World Show and Drug Testing Specialist

Kim has been at AQHA nearly 26 years, 22 of them in the show department. She has worked in the judges department, show approvals, show results, drug testing and world shows. Kim was previously the administrative assistant to the executive director of shows and judges for approximately 12 years, and in that capacity, developed power-point presentations, gathered and created support material for AQHA Executive Committee meetings, maintained budgets and carried out secretarial duties. Every time she left the show department for one reason or another, she always wound up coming back – she's just a show girl at heart! Outside of work, Kim travels to the mountains every chance she gets, she loves reading and being with her "kids," who are 34 and 29. She also loves living with two cats that allow her to share their home!

Show Coverage

Did you know that www.aqha.com/showing is the place to find show-related resources plus breaking industry news? It's also where you'll find show

coverage from *The American Quarter Horse Journal*. If you'd like to see your show covered on www.aqha.com/showing, all you have to do is send a photo and a 150- to 300-word write-up after your show to AQHA Internet Editor Tara Christiansen at tchristiansen@aqha.org. In your write-up, you can highlight the number of show entries, clinics by AQHA Professional Horsemen and special events that define your show.

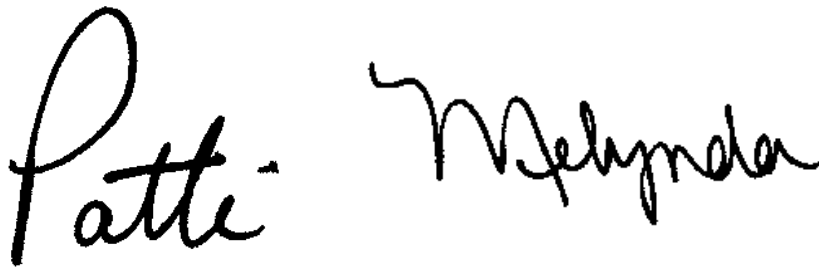
Q-Ribbon Newsletter

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

Facebook

In addition to the *Q-Ribbon Newsletter*, you will have the opportunity to communicate with other show management through a secure Facebook page. This will be a private setting and only show management people, who have been accepted as a “friend” will have access and be able to post questions, information, pictures from your shows, etc. Friends will be accepted by AQHA upon review of a current AQHA workshop certification and current AQHA membership.

As always – please let us know if you have not heard from AQHA regarding your show approval application within 15 days from the date you sent it to us. We are happy to check the status of processing and get you information necessary to proceed with your plans for the show.

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Patti Carter-Pratt
Executive Director of Shows

Melynda Ackley
Director of Competition Administration

“If you can imagine it you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it.”

~William Arthur Ward