

Q-Ribbon February 2013

Deadlines to Remember

Prior to February 1, AQHA should have received your June show application(s) and any corrections to your May show(s).

AQHA Show Approvals

We have a new show approvals email address – <u>showapproval@aqha.org</u>. Please use this email address when requesting a date and/or location change, or if submitting your priority date show approval application. Lisa Pond will still be working these requests, so you'll still be in touch with her mainly. This is being added in an effort that more personnel can help with approvals. As you can imagine, it's guite a large job for Lisa to handle by herself!

Reminder: if you are requesting a date and/or location change, you must submit that in writing – email is acceptable, (Rule SHW107) along with a \$25 non-refundable fee. These will no longer be processed without that fee, which would prohibit your request from being worked until that fee is received.

AQHA 3.0 Update

The projected date to go live with AQHA's new database is February 25. A couple of things that will be different are that you will need to provide a placing card with the overall Versatility Ranch Horse placings, as well as your grand and reserve halter placings for which we need you to indicate if that grand/reserve was from the halter or performance halter class. We are revising the judge's card to make this easier, but for the time being, we ask that you make that note on the current judge's card.

Priority Date Letter

Please be sure you review your priority date letter for shows that retain priority dates, as this will list the dates AQHA has reserved for your show for the following three years. You may use this information to work with your facility to ensure you have the correct dates reserved.

Show Results

Please keep in mind that show results are required to be submitted within 10 days of the last show date. It is imperative that you adhere to this deadline. There are many deadlines that must be met in order to run world show and Novice championship show qualifiers information. These deadlines are at the end of each month during the summer – April, May, June and July. There are also stats that are run each month; however, those cannot be calculated until all shows for that particular month are processed. It is much easier on all of us to have those results in a timely manner – your exhibitors are not waiting for their achievement/points records to be

updated and we are not having to spend money for overtime to meet a deadline.

Leveling Suggestions for Show Management

Verifying Eligibility -

- Have two computers in the office, one for (exhibitor/Intermediate) and one for (horses/Progressive) eligibility. We will also need two printed posters, declaring points required for specified divisions posted over each computer.
- Encourage exhibitors to enter the level they will qualify for.
- Why show in Intermediate/Progressive? 1) you do not have to compete against Open-level exhibitors/horses 2) all points are paid in the Intermediate/Progressive level 3) points earned in Intermediate/Progressive pay AQHA Incentive Fund money and count toward world show qualifying.

Exhibitor concern and decision to enter Progressive/Intermediate or Open

 Have an exhibitor meeting the evening before. Reiterate that an exhibitor/horse can only show in either the Intermediate/Progressive level or the Open level. Encourage exhibitors to enter the level they will qualify for.

Exhibitors wanting to verify the number of entries in Progressive/Intermediate vs. Open.

Have a computer available for exhibitors to access this information.

What office, ring stewards, judges, gate personnel and announcer need to know? Office

- Make sure exhibitors are entered in one level only.
- Have a list of all exhibitors and horses entered in each leveled class, with the Progressive or Intermediate entry denoted (highlighted works good), for each ring steward, gate person and announcer.
- An assistant for the announcer would be helpful.
- Have knowledgeable gate personnel.
- Make sure everyone has radios.

Ring Stewards

- Make sure you have class sheets from the office before each leveled class and that Intermediate/Progressive entries are denoted.
- After the judge has placed the class, assist the judge in circling Intermediate/Progressive entries and filling out cards properly.

Gate personnel

- Keep track of entry numbers and what level they are in.
- Inform announcer/ring steward of add-ons at the gate and what level they are in. Exhibitors who do not know their level will be placed in the Open level.

Announcers

- During rail classes, if there are splits, inform exhibitors there may be a run off if the number of Intermediate/Progressive points are not distributed after a class is placed, see rules SHW113.1 and SHW113.3. Take added entries from gate personnel.
- Announce Intermediate/Progressive card first. Announce the number of entries in the Intermediate/Progressive level and then placings (traditional).
- Announce open card next. Announce the total number of entries. There may be holes in placings .i.e. "in first place #123, in third place #425, fifth place #856".
- Remind exhibitors that results are not official until they are verified with AQHA.

Keep all paper work – gate personnel paper work, announcer paper work, and judges ladder/cheat sheets just in case we need to verify a level or placing.

Procedure for Judges

• Judges will be provided a card to mark their top 20 horses in scored classes and top 15 horses in the rail classes. This card must be filled out for each leveled class. The ring steward will then inform the judges of each number that is eligible for Intermediate/Progressive whereupon the judge will circle the eligible Intermediate/Progressive entry. Judges will then fill out their cards for the Intermediate/Progressive class, filling in each line of the card until points for the class are fulfilled, plus two entries, if possible. The judge will then fill out his Open card, marking a line through any placing where an Intermediate/Progressive entry was circled. If all points are not filled in the Intermediate/Progressive class in the rail classes, unplaced exhibitors in the Intermediate/Progressive classes will need to return to the rail and judges will need to fill points for the respective class.

World Show Performance Halter Qualification

Performance halter world show qualifiers must earn 10 points in performance events during the qualifying period in addition to the required number of performance halter qualifying points. Horses competing in open performance halter must earn all 10 performance points in the open division. Horses shown in youth, amateur and Select amateur performance halter may earn their 10 performance points in any division. Visit www.aqha.com/showing for more information about the 2013 AQHA world championship shows.

Novice Eligibility Requirements

Exhibitors are responsible to show you proof of their Novice eligibility. This is most likely a printout from AQHA's data base, indicating their level. These exhibitors will also need to complete a Novice application that they will leave with you to turn in with your show results. It is a great help if you will photocopy the completed Novice application for the member to take with them, this way they can have it at their next show.

Competition Department Featured Employee

Deanna Alanis has worked with AQHA since May 2000, when she started in racing as a data entry clerk, she then moved to racing information specialist and kept that position until her most recent move about a year and half ago to competitions approval team leader. Deanna currently oversees the approvals team regarding all pre-event matters – for both racing and show events. Deanna spends most of her spare time enjoying her three daughters and spoiling her five grandbabies! She also enjoys cake decorating and crocheting. Deanna loves her job, and says if you have to work, it's great to work somewhere you enjoy and don't mind going to each morning!



Q-Ribbon Newsletter and Straight Talk

Miss an issue of the *Q-Ribbon Newsletter*? Check them out here – <u>Q-Ribbon Newsletter</u> Archives.

<u>Straight Talk Video Archives</u> – Get the inside scoop with Straight Talk, a blog presented by Patti. The most recent blog is Part 1 in a series regarding the AQHA leveling program. We think you'll find a great deal of pertinent information here. Check it out!

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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