LATIN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
PREMIER QUARTER HORSE SHOW
April 21 – 27, 2014
AVARE, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

The LATIN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW will showcase American Quarter Horses not limited to AQHA Affiliates.

Owners and exhibitors from Latin America are entitled to participate in the prestigious event.

Only registered American Quarter Horses and current AQHA members are eligible.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:
THE LATIN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE AQHA OFFICIAL HANDBOOK AND THE LAC GUIDELINES. ALL PARTICIPANTS AND OWNERS AGREE TO ABIDE BY SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS.

ELIGIBILITY
It is MANDATORY to be an AQHA Member in good standing. Reside in or be a citizen of Latin America. (Proof may be requested).

HORSES:
AQHA/ABQM IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR FURNISHING HORSES.

MANDATORY:
Horses exhibited at the LATIN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP show may be leased or owned by the exhibitors. (Leased horses cannot exceed the price set by the host country. This includes transportation and normal care of the horse from the time of the lease until termination). Any horse brought to the show grounds for use exclusively in the LAC will pay a $100 stall fee. If an exhibitor selects a horse from a pool of horses there will be a FIVE HUNDRED dollars (US) flat fee. ***This fee will be for the horse to be*** used during all of the LAC and not per class.

The top 10 placing will be recognized on the permanent record of the respective horse.

ENTRIES AND EXHIBITORS:

1. Must reside or be a citizen of Latin American countries and be a current AQHA member in good standing.
2. Must show a registered American Quarter Horse.
3. If showing a leased horse; the exhibitor must show the ORIGINAL CERTICIATE OR COPY of the certificate.
4. Leased horses will be the sole responsibility of exhibitor.
5. Deadline for entry will be April 7, 2014; entries must be received in ABQM office by that date. Telephone entries will not be accepted.

6. Please print or type all requested information. Entries will not be accepted if appropriate fees are not paid.
7. Late entries are subject to approval by show management and the Board of Directors and “if” accepted will be at a fee of $300 US per class. All late fees will be added to class purses.
8. Exhibitors cancelling their entries for any reason or entries declared ineligible after deadline, APRIL 7, 2014 shall forfeit all fees.
9. Any exhibitor or owner receiving disciplinary action by AQHA Executive Committee for show rule violation or any AQHA Affiliate from Latin America will be prohibited from participating in the current year LATIN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

BARREL RACING-all divisions
POLE BENDING-all divisions
RANCH SORTING-open, amateur, youth all ages
TEAM PENNING-open, amateur, youth all ages
REINING-open junior and senior horse, amateur, master, youth all ages
TIE DOWN ROPING-open junior and senior horse, amateur, master, youth all ages
TEAM ROPING HEADING-open junior and senior horse, amateur, master, youth all age
TEAM ROPING HEELING-open junior and senior horse, amateur, master, youth all age
CUTTING-junior and senior horse, amateur, master, youth all age
HALTER- open stallions, mares, geldings; amateur stallions, mares, geldings

All halter classes and senior performance classes will be held regardless of the number of horses entered by the entry deadline of the show.

If a junior class does not have a minimum of five (5) horses entered and paid by the entry deadline of April 7, 2014, such class shall be canceled. However, the entries which are paid will have the opportunity to compete in the senior division of the class to compose an all-age class.

JUDGING OF THE LATIN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW:

1. A minimum of three (3) judges will judge all classes. Judges will score each class independently and will place through fifteen (15) places. Their individual score or placing cards will be given to the LATIN AMERICA CHAMPIONSHIP show management for tabulation.
2. AQHA points will be awarded under each judge.
3. Tie breaking procedures in placed events will be broken by using a tie-breaker judge. Judge number 1 is the first tie-breaker judge, if judge number 1 did not use any of the tied horses, then judge number 2 becomes the tie-breaker judge etc. until the judge is found that used at least one of the tied horses. This judge’s placing will be used to break the tie. This method, and only this method, is used to break all ties in placed events.
4. If there is a tie for the LATIN AMERICAN CHAMPION, the horses tied will be run/worked off to determine the champion.

SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Unless otherwise noted in this booklet, the rules printed in the 2014 AQHA Official Handbook shall govern the LAC. Any rules and regulations not covered by the 2014 AQHA Official Handbook or rules and regulations of the LATIN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP Show, will be handled by LATIN AMERICAN SHOW MANAGEMENT, and their decision will be final without recourse of any nature.
2. The CORRECT number must be worn on the exhibitor's back in the show ring for halter classes or the entry will not be considered by the judge. In western performance classes each exhibitor will have two numbers assigned and one of these must be placed on each side of the saddle or saddle pad in the show ring or the entry will not be considered. Any entry entering the ring with the incorrect number shall forfeit all rights to any award and will be excused from the ring and not considered.
3. Any exhibitor or rider who refuses to obey the requests of the judge, ringmaster or a LATIN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW Official is automatically barred from further competition and forfeits all privileges, winnings, together with entry fees and other charges. At the discretion of the show management, the offending individual and all of his/her entries may be removed from the grounds.
4. APPAREL: AQHA rules cover the required apparel for each class; however this is the LATIN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS which will receive worldwide publicity. Therefore, exhibitors are urged to be neat and clean at all times. Contestants, and anyone assisting the contestants in the arena, are required to abide by the rules as well.

FEES: All entry fees will be added back to the class for which they are paid.

1. Entry fee - $100.00 (US) for non-cattle classes.
2. $200.00 (US) for classes with cattle.

EQUIPMENT:

1. All equipment used with horses in practice arenas during show hours must be legal as defined in the 2014 AQHA Official Handbook.

AWARDS:

1. Buckles for champions and Gold medallion.
2. Medallions for reserve and third, (silver, bronze), ribbons with medallions 4th - 10th.
3. Champions of the Latin American Championship Show will receive an invitation to the respective division and class.
4. In the Latin American Championship Open Division "Only", the owner of the champion horse will receive an invitation to the In AQHA World Show in Oklahoma City, OK. If the owner decides not to send the horse to the World Show, the exhibitor of that horse at the LAC will have the opportunity to enter the World Show by leasing a horse for that class in which the horse was exhibited, for the World Show only.