AQHA LEVEL I (NOVICE) CHAMPIONSHIPS

WEST EAST

2014 HANDBOOK

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2014 HANDBOOK FOR THE SMARTPAK WEST AND NUTRENA EAST LEVEL 1 (NOVICE) CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Effective Date and Repeal

These rules become effective January 1, 2014, for the conduct of the SmartPak West and Nutrena East Level 1 (Novice) Championships of 2014.

The SmartPak West and Nutrena East Level 1 (Novice) Championships shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the AQHA Official Handbook, the SmartPak West and Nutrena East Level 1 (Novice) Championships Handbook, South Point Rules and Regulations and the Tennessee Miller Coliseum Rules and Regulations. All participants and owners agree to abide by such rules and regulations, and all decisions made by show management will be final.

The SmartPak West Level 1 (Novice) Championship is slated for October 1-5 at the South Point Arena & Equestrian Center in Las Vegas, Nevada (move-in September 29 after 2 p.m.). The Nutrena East Level 1 (Novice) Championship is September 30-October 5 at the Tennessee Miller Coliseum in Murfreesboro, Tennessee (move-in September 28 after 8 a.m.).

No official AQHA points will be earned by participation in the Novice Championships; however, placing in the top ten, Reserve Novice Champions and Novice Champions will be recognized on the permanent record of the respective horse.

QUALIFYING AS A LEVEL 1 (NOVICE) COMPETITOR

- The qualifying period is July 1, 2013, thru June 30, 2014.
- It is not required that the exhibitor own the horse, but the exhibitor and horse must qualify as a team. The horse must be a registered American Quarter Horse and the exhibitor must be a current Level 1 (Novice) amateur or Level 1 (Novice) youth member in good standing with AQHA. If a membership will expire prior to the Level 1 (Novice) Championships, the membership can be renewed at the time of the show).
- Horses that are leased with the proper show lease are eligible, so long as the exhibitor/horse qualify as a team.
- There are three ways to qualify:
  - As a national qualifier:
    - Place in the top ten in a Level 1 (Novice) class at an AQHA Regional Championship Show; the top-ten placing qualifies the rider on that horse only. A top-ten placing in a Level 1 (Novice) class at a Regional Championship qualifies the horse and exhibitor to enter any and all classes at the Level 1 (Novice) Championships for which they are Level 1 (Novice) eligible. If the Regional Championship does not offer the Level 1 (Novice) class you are interested in, contact the show manager or show secretary to add the class. Since Level 1 (Novice) halter classes are not commonly offered, a top-ten finish in the corresponding youth or amateur halter class at a Regional Championship will count for Level 1 (Novice)-eligible halter exhibitors:
  - As a national qualifier:
    - Show at 20 shows in a Level 1 (Novice) class; if a show does not offer the Level 1 (Novice) class, contact the show manager or show secretary to add the class. Shows will be counted by show numbers on a one-horse, one-rider basis; for questions about how many show numbers a show will count for, competitors should ask the presiding show manager or secretary. Again, as Level 1 (Novice)

halter classes are not commonplace, Level 1 (Novice)-eligible halter exhibitors may compete in the corresponding youth or amateur halter class to count for their 20 shows. Competing in Level 1 (Novice) classes at 20 shows qualifies the horse and exhibitor to enter any and all classes at the Level 1 (Novice) Championships for which they are Level 1 (Novice) eligible;
        - Regular, Split/Combined, Introductory, all-Level 1 (Novice), Rookie Shows and Special Events will count
    - As a state/provincial qualifier:
        - The exhibitor/horse combination must qualify according to the criteria set by their particular state/provincial affiliate. If the exhibitor's affiliate does not have a qualifying method listed, the exhibitor must nationally qualify or qualify through another affiliate. To qualify through another affiliate, the exhibitor must be a member in good standing with the other affiliate (other than the state/province in which they reside) and be selected by that affiliate as a qualifier.
        - At the end of the qualifying period, each affiliate will submit their list of qualifiers to AQHA. If an exhibitor qualifies through the affiliate method in any single class, he/she may enter any class at the Level 1 (Novice) Championships.
        - Each affiliate will submit three qualifiers per class, or if there are not three qualifiers in a particular class, the affiliate may move that "slot" to another class; however, no more than six state qualifiers will be allowed in any particular class.
- If an exhibitor chooses to qualify more than one horse, each horse must be qualified according to the rules listed above.
- The rule requiring a youth to be at least nine years of age to show in halter and performance halter has been relaxed for the Level 1 (Novice) Championships.
- If an exhibitor has graduated out of Level 1 (Novice) in a class, he/she is still eligible to show in that class at the next year's Level 1 (Novice) Championship show so long as they qualify according to Level 1 (Novice) Championships rules by December 31 of the year in which they were still Level 1 (Novice) eligible.
- An exhibitor may show up to three horses in individual working events, so long as they have qualified properly.
- A horse//exhibitor may compete in a Level 1 (Novice) amateur or Level 1 (Novice) youth ranch pleasure class at only one Level 1 (Novice) championship in a year. For example, if the horse and/or exhibitor competed in the 2014 Zoetis Cattle Novice Championships in ranch pleasure, he/she will be unable to compete at either the SmartPak West or Nutrena East Level 1 (Novice) Championship in 2014.
- A horse/exhibitor may compete in a Level 1 amateur or Level 1 youth performance halter class at only one Level 1 (Novice) Championship in a year. For example, if the horse and/or exhibitor competed in the 2014 Zoetis Cattle Novice Championship in performance halter, he/she will be unable to compete at either the SmartPak West or Nutrena East Level 1 (Novice) Championship in 2014.

CLASSES

- The following classes will be offered in Novice amateur and Novice youth classes:

  - Yearling Fillies
  - 2-Yr-Old Fillies
  - 3-Yr-Old Fillies
  - Aged Mares
  - Performance Halter Mares
  - Yearling Geldings
  - 2-Yr-Old Geldings
  - 3-Yr-Old Geldings
  - Aged Geldings
  - Performance Halter Geldings
  - Showmanship
  - Barrel Racing
  - Ranch Pleasure
  - Pole Bending
  - Stake Race
  - Reining
  - Western Riding
  - Trail
  - Horsemanship
  - Western Pleasure
  - Hunter Under Saddle
  - Hunt Seat Equitation
  - Working Hunter
  - Hunter Hack
  - Equitation Over Fences

ENTERING & FEES

- An exhibitor/horse may attend either of the Level 1 (Novice) Championships, no matter where they reside; however, a competitor may only show at one Level 1 (Novice) Championship show per year.
- **Heidi Lane** is the contact person for the Las Vegas show, and entries for that show must be received by her no later than September 2, 2014 (see entry form for more info). ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER DEADLINE.
- **Charlotte Jaynes** is the contact person for the Murfreesboro show, and entries for that show must be received by her no later than September 2, 2014 (see entry form for more info). ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER DEADLINE.
- The entry fee will be $300; this fee covers three classes, drug testing, video and office charges and one stall for the duration of the show.
  - Each additional Level 1 (Novice) class will be $35.
  - Each additional Rookie class will be $25.
  - There will be a $10 obstacle fee charged per horse in the trail and a $10 fee charged per horse for over fence classes.
  - Extra stalls can be purchased; however, stalls are limited in Murfreesboro and will be assigned to horses entered in the show first. Also, in Murfreesboro, shavings and RV reservations must be pre-ordered, as there are a maximum of only 200 RV spaces available. In Las Vegas, you must order a minimum of six bags of shavings and the South Point will pre-bed your stalls with those shavings. (for specific stall rules, see the particular Level 1 (Novice) Championship - East or West you intend to enter).
  - For an additional $50 fee in each amateur class and $25 in each youth class, you may enter the optional jackpot.
- Should a horse receiving an invitation to the 2014 Level 1 (Novice) Championships die, the exhibitor owning the horse may substitute and participate with another horse up to one hour prior to the appropriate class in showmanship, horsemanship, hunt seat equitation and equitation over fences; the appropriate show office must be notified and provided with a statement from an American Association of Equine Practitioners-approved veterinarian verifying the qualified horse's death.
- Exhibitors who qualify in any other class may participate with another horse if the qualified horse dies before the entry deadline. When submitting the entry to the show secretary, a statement from an AAEP-approved veterinarian verifying the death of the qualified horse must also be submitted.

- If a horse becomes severely injured or disabled, a substitute will be allowed so long as written statements are provided with the entry(ies) by two AAEP-approved veterinarians stating the severity of the debilitating injury or illness, and lack of the probability of short-term recovery. The appropriate show office must be notified at least one hour prior to the particular class.
- [Please note that due to Level 1 (Novice) rules, the competitor does not have to own the horse that he/she shows at the Level 1 (Novice) Championships.]
- If a horse qualifies for both the AQHA halter and AQHA performance halter classes, the exhibitor must choose which class to enter – no horse can enter both the halter and performance halter classes.
    - A horse is eligible to be shown in performance halter so long as that horse:
        - Has earned a Racing ROM;
        - Has earned a Performance ROM prior to January 2010;
        - Has earned a Performance ROM after January 2010 so long as their record reflects they have earned at least five or more AQHA performance points in riding classes (does not include showmanship).

OTHER

- All horses are subject to drug testing under the provisions of Rule VIO253 of the 2014 AQHA Official Handbook.
- Because stallions are not allowed in Level 1 (Novice) classes, they will be prohibited from the show grounds, except those horses to be shown in the World Confirmation Horse Association stallion classes.
- An entry number will be assigned to every horse by the show secretary.
- Awards will be presented for first through 15th place. Additionally, an All-Around Level 1 (Novice) Amateur, Level 1 (Novice) All-Around Select Amateur and All-Around Level 1 (Novice) Youth 13 & Under and an All-Around Level 1 (Novice) Youth 14-18 will be named.
    - To be eligible for all-around honors, a horse must compete in at least three events in three or more categories.
        - Category I – Halter/Performance Halter
        - Category II – Reining, Western Riding, Trail
        - Category III – Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Stake Race
        - Category IV – Working Hunter, Hunter Hack
        - Category V – Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Ranch Pleasure
        - Category VII – Showmanship, Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Equitation over Fences
    - Scoring for all-around honors shall be as follows:
        - Horses placing in the top nine will be given a credit for each horse placing below them, plus one credit (not to exceed nine credits) for first place.
            - Example: In a class of nine or more horses, the first-place horse receives nine credits, second gets eight credits, and so on down through ninth place.
            - No credits will be awarded to a disqualified horse, regardless of the number in the class. However, when less than nine are placed, even though more than nine entered the class, credits will be awarded on the basis of the number exhibited in the class.
            - In case a tie occurs, the horse in the Level 1 (Novice) Amateur, Level 1 (Novice) Select Amateur and/or the Level 1 (Novice) Youth All-Around 13 & under and Level 1 (Novice) Youth All-Around 14-18 will be the one who:
                1. Earned credits in the greatest number of events

2. The horse or contestant winning over the greatest number of horses
3. Earned the most credits in performance events

- A Level 1 (Novice) Youth and Level 1 (Novice) Amateur Halter Champion of Champions will be named.
  - The winners of each halter class (ten classes – yearling geldings, 2-yr-old geldings, 3-yr-old geldings, aged geldings and performance halter geldings; yearling mares, 2-yr-old mares, 3-yr-old mares, aged mares and performance halter mares) in Level 1 (Novice) Youth will be brought back to be judged in one class, where the judge will name the Champion of Champions in Level 1 (Novice) Youth. Mares and geldings will compete for this award.
  - The winners of each halter class (ten classes – yearling geldings, 2-yr-old geldings, 3-yr-old geldings, aged geldings and performance halter geldings; yearling mares, 2-yr-old mares, 3-yr-old mares, aged mares and performance halter mares) in Level 1 (Novice) Amateur will be brought back to be judged in one class, where the judge will name the Champion of Champions in Level 1 (Novice) Amateur. Mares and geldings will compete for this award.

ROOKIE COMPETITION

- Rookie eligibility is based on lifetime achievements of exhibitor and horse.
- For a horse or exhibitor to be Rookie eligible, that horse or exhibitor must have earned ten or fewer lifetime points in that class in any division; open, amateur or youth. Eligibility is from January 1 – December 31. On January 1, 2014, if that exhibitor and horse are Rookie eligible, that team is eligible to compete at the 2014 Novice Championship of their choice in the Rookie classes of their choice.
- Ownership of the horse is not required to participate in Rookie level classes.
- Rookie classes will be held as all-age amateur and all-age youth classes.
- The entry fee will be $200; this fee covers three classes, drug testing, video and office charges and one stall for the duration of the show.
  - Each additional rookie class will be $25.
  - There will be a $10 obstacle fee charged per horse in the trail.
  - Extra stalls can be purchased; however, stalls are limited in Murfreesboro and will be assigned to horses entered in the show first. Also, in Murfreesboro, shavings and RV reservations must be pre-ordered, as there are a maximum of only 200 RV spaces available. In Las Vegas, you must order a minimum of six bags of shavings and the South Point will pre-bed your stalls with those shavings. (for specific stall rules, see the particular Novice Championship - East or West you intend to enter).
  - For an additional $50 fee in each amateur class and $25 in each youth class, you may enter the optional jackpot.

WORLD CONFIRMATION HORSE ASSOCIATION COMPETITION

- Halter/confirmation classes for weanlings and yearlings will be held – two weanling classes, one for colts and geldings and one for fillies and three yearling classes (colts, geldings and fillies).
- Each horse must be shown by its owner/breeder, as determined by breeder/owner at the time of breeding through exhibiting in the Novice Championship respective OBE class.
  - Owner/Breeder/Exhibitor – qualification is determined by AQHA rules on “immediate family members”.
  - All exhibitors, owners and breeders must be current members in good standing in WCHA and AQHA (for instance, if a different family member qualifies to exhibit, the exhibitor, owner and breeder must all be members).

- Must have AQHA registration papers (all weanlings must be eligible for AQHA registration).
- The order of entry will be determined by birth dates – youngest to oldest.
- Birthdates will be on the back numbers and considered in overall placings.
- Classes will be judged by one judge.
- Classes will be be judged in accordance with the WCHA "standard".
- Judges may not judge exhibitors who they have had a relationship with either the exhibitor or immediate family, as determined by AQHA guidelines, or horse of exhibitor or immediate family within 90 days of the scheduled classes.
- The entry fee will be $100 per class.
- Stalls are $100 each.
- All other rules and guidelines, like tracking and other class procedures, lip chains, drug testing, health papers, stalling, attire, etc., will follow AQHA Rules and Regulations.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK / INDEMNITY

Participants (and, if 17 years old or younger, participants' parents and/or legal guardians) agree that they understand the nature of Level 1 (Novice) Championship Show participation and attendance activities ("Activities") and that the Activities include, but are not limited to, "inherent risks of equine activities" that may result in property damage and bodily injury, including, but not limited to, permanent disability, paralysis, and death (collectively "risks"); that such risks may be caused by participant's own action or inaction, the action or inaction of others participating in the activities, the condition of the premises at which the activities take place, and/or the negligence of the "releasees" named below. Participants understand that "inherent risk of equine activities" means dangers or conditions that are an integral part of equine activities, including, but not limited to, any of the following: (a) the propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury or loss to persons on or around the equine; (b) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movements, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (c) hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions; (d) a collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object; and (e) the potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury or loss to the person of the participant or to other persons, including, but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant.

A PARTICIPANT FULLY ACCEPTS AND ASSUMES ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES PARTICIPANT INCURS AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES. PARTICIPANT HEREBY RELEASES, DISCHARGES, AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE AQHA, AQHA CORPORATE PARTNERS OR, THE OWNER AND LESSORS OF PREMISES ON WHICH THE ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE OR THEIR RESPECTIVE ADMINISTRATORS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, OFFICERS, MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, AND EMPLOYEES (EACH CONSIDERED ONE OF THE "RELEASEES" HEREIN) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES WHENEVER OR HOWEVER ARISING AS TO INJURY, DEATH AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURRING AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES OR CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

A participant agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend releasees from any and all liability, whenever or however arising, from all third party claims, demands, causes of action, suits, judgments, liabilities, costs and expenses of any nature arising out of (i) participant's negligent act(s) or omissions during or related in any way to the activities; and/or (ii) participant's willful act(s) or omission(s) during or related in any way to the activities.

GENERAL JUDGING/MONITORING PROCEDURES

- All AQHA events will be judged according to the rules listed in the AQHA Official Handbook. No other publication will supersede the rules of the AQHA Official Handbook, or the Level 1 (Novice) Championships Handbook, including the show program.
- Judges shall examine and check for lameness in all horses brought into any class.
  - In both performance and halter classes, a horse shall automatically be disqualified if one or more judges call the horse lame during the class.
  - If it is determined that an entry does not fit the criteria of Rule SHW325 of the AQHA Official Handbook of being obviously lame, the horse will not be excused and will be left in the arena.
- There will be three judges for all classes, and their placings will be combined.
- Judges will score each class independently and will place through 15 places.
- In placed classes, judges' individual score or placing cards will be given to show management for tabulation.
- Ties:
  - Placed events:
    - If the ties cannot be broken by totaling judges' placings, it will be done by using a tie-breaker judge. Judge no. 1 is the first tie-breaker; if judge no. 1 did not use any of the tied horses, then judge no. 2 becomes the tie-breaker judge; if judge no. 2 did not use any of the tied horses, then judge no. 3 becomes the tie breaker; 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, will be used to break all ties in placed events.
    - Please refer to the chart below for numerical scores in placed classes only:

1.	120	6.	55	11.	15
2.	105	7.	45	12.	10
3.	91	8.	36	13.	6
4.	78	9.	28	14.	3
5.	66	10.	21	15.	1

  - Timed events:
    - Any horse receiving no time on its first run is eliminated.
      - If there is a tie for the Level 1 (Novice) Championship or top ten placing, the tie will be run off until there is a winner.
  - Scored events:
    - If the ties cannot be broken by totaling judges' placings, it will be done by using a tie-breaker judge. Judge no. 1 is the first tie-breaker; if judge no. 1 did not use any of the tied horses, then judge no. 2 becomes the tie-breaker judge; if judge no. 2 did not use any of the tied horses, then judge no. 3 becomes the tie breaker; 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, will be used to break all ties in scored events.
    - If there is a tie for the Level 1 (Novice) Championship, the tie will be worked off.
    - All ties will be broken by totaling the judges' scores.

- A monitoring system involving penalty reviews will be implemented not only as an aid to assist the judges, but also in an effort to provide the exhibitors with a fair and accurate score or time. A run will not be reviewed if, after giving back the penalty points in question, the exhibitor's score would not be enough to place in the top ten.
    - The monitor system will be used
        - to review any lack of concurrence in scores or times when major penalties, disqualifications, zero scores, "no times" are involved (hereafter "Major Penalties; see specific classes), or
        - when a judge requests a review.
    - Lack of concurrence concerning lameness or non major penalties will not be reviewed.
    - A penalty review will not have any impact on the run content. The judge may only add or subtract the penalty value to the score.
    - All penalty reviews will take place during the next drag, break, or at the end of the class.
        - It is possible that a public announcement may not be made that an exhibitor's performance is being reviewed.
            - Regardless of whether a public announcement is made, no scores or times are official until penalty reviews are completed.
    - No judge shall be required to change his/her score following a video replay. Each judge's decision is an individual call and based on the individual decision from a video replay.
- Movement of horses in any class will be at the discretion of the judge; however, horses will not be pulled out or lined up in placing order by any judge at any time, except in halter and as directed by show management.

RULES FOR SPECIFIC CLASSES

- ***BARREL RACING/POLE BENDING/STAKE RACE***
    - In all barrel racing, pole bending and stake racing classes, the following disqualifications may be monitored:
        - Failure of hat or helmet to be on the rider's head when he or she enters the arena.
        - Failure to follow course.
        - Excessive use of whip, rope, crop, bat or reins anywhere on the horse.
    - In stake racing, the following disqualifications may be monitored:
        - Failure of contestant to cross the start and finish line between the markers.
        - Failure of contestant to cross over the center line between the markers before turning the second pole and cross back over the center line after turning the second pole.
        - If an upright marker or pole is knocked down.
    - If there is a tie for the Level 1 (Novice) Championship or a top ten placing, the tie will be run off.
        - In the case of electric timer malfunction, re-runs may be required as directed by show management and their decision shall be final.

- ***EQUITATION OVER FENCES***
  - A hard hat and full harness are mandatory requirements at all times while jumping over fences anywhere on the grounds. PLEASE REFER TO RULE SHW320.2 of the 2014 AQHA Official Handbook, WHICH STATES: "It is mandatory for riders in all hunter, jumper and equitation classes, including hunter hack, where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the competition ground to wear properly fastened protective headgear that meets ASTM/SEI standards or equivalent international standards for equestrian use. The helmet must also be properly fitted with harness secured. It is mandatory that all youth and recommended that amateurs wear a ASTM/SEI approved hard hat with harness in all over fence classes.

- ***HALTER/PERFORMANCE HALTER***
  - The winner of each halter class will be designated the Level 1 champion in that class. There will be no grand champion or reserve grand champion in these events; however, the first place horse from each halter class in the Level 1 Amateur and in the Level 1 Youth divisions will come back to the arena where the judge will name a Champion of Champions.
  - Horses will not be pulled out or lined up in placing order by any judge at any time, except in halter and as directed by show management.
  - If one judge calls a horse lame during a halter class, the horse will be required to re-track.
  - A judge, or judges, may excuse a horse from competition for poor mannerisms:
    - A well-mannered horse is defined as a horse that is under control by the exhibitor while tracking and standing for inspection such that it may be exhibited safely and viewed safely by the judge. The horse should stand reasonably still and flat-footed. At their discretion, the judge may fault a horse that is poorly mannered (including, but not limited to, biting, rearing, striking or bucking) but does not disrupt or endanger other horses or exhibitors around them, and is able to be inspected by the judge. A horse that is excessively unruly or poor mannered (see Rule SHW362.4 of AQHA's *Official Handbook*), not clearly under the control of the exhibitor, and/or disruptive to the point that the safety of other horses or exhibitors or the judge is jeopardized, should be disqualified and excused from the class.
  - Any clear evidence of fresh blood on the horse, including, but not limited to, the nose, chin, mouth, tongue or gums, regardless of cause, shall be cause for disqualification.
  - A contestant will be disqualified and immediately excused for abuse of a horse.

- ***HUNT SEAT EQUITATION***
  - The following severe faults of performance may be monitored:
    - Omission or addition of maneuvers.
    - Knocking over a cone.
    - Working on the wrong side of the cones.
    - Turning the wrong way.

- ***HUNTER HACK***
  - The exhibitor will complete the course.
  - The exhibitor will be scored from 1-20 during the pattern or fence work, with the high and low scores being discarded.
    - All exhibitors invited back to work on the rail will work in one heat, no matter the number returning. There will be no splits or cuts for rail work.
  - A hard hat and full harness are mandatory requirements at all times while jumping over fences anywhere on the grounds. PLEASE REFER TO RULE SHW320.2 of the 2014 AQHA Official Handbook, WHICH STATES: "It is mandatory for riders in all hunter, jumper and equitation classes, including hunter hack, where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the competition ground to wear properly fastened protective headgear that meets ASTM/SEI standards or equivalent international standards for equestrian use. The helmet must also be properly fitted with harness secured. It is mandatory that all youth and recommended that amateurs wear a ASTM/SEI approved hard hat with harness in all over fence classes.

- ***HUNTER UNDER SADDLE***
  - An exhibitor who fails to take the prescribed gait when called may be penalized at the judges' discretion.

- ***RANCH PLEASURE***
  - Zero (0) scores, three (3) point and five (5) point penalties may be monitored.
  - Incomplete maneuvers or exhibitors that may eliminate a maneuver may be monitored.

- ***REINING***
  - Zero (0) scores, no scores, two (2), with the exception of marker penalties, and five (5) point penalties may be monitored.

- ***SHOWMANSHIP***
  - The following severe faults of performance may be monitored:
    - Omission or addition of maneuvers.
    - Knocking over a cone.
    - Working on the wrong side of the cones.

- ***TRAIL***
  - Zero (0) scores, three (3) point and five (5) point penalties may be monitored.
  - Only two refusals are permitted at any obstacle in the trail class.
    - After two refusals, the contestant must go to the next obstacle.
  - Trail will be treated as a scored class.

- ***WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP***
  - The following severe faults of performance may be monitored:
    - Omission or addition of maneuvers.
    - Knocking over a cone.
    - Working on the wrong side of the cones.
    - Turning the wrong way.

- ***WESTERN PLEASURE***
  - An exhibitor who fails to take the prescribed gait when called may be penalized at the judges' discretion.

- ***WESTERN RIDING***
  - Zero (0) scores, three (3) point and five (5) point penalties may be monitored.

- ***WORKING HUNTER***
  - In all working hunter classes, the following eliminations may be monitored:
    - A total of three disobediences, which can include any of the following: refusal, stop, run out or extra circle.
    - Jumping an obstacle before it is reset.
    - Bolting from the arena.
    - Off course.
    - Deliberately addressing an obstacle.
    - Failure to trot a small circle on a loose rein for soundness.
  - A hard hat and full harness are mandatory requirements at all times while jumping over fences anywhere on the grounds. PLEASE REFER TO RULE SHW320.2, WHICH STATES: "It is mandatory for riders in all hunter, jumper and equitation classes, including hunter hack, where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the competition ground to wear properly fastened protective headgear that meets ASTM/SEI standards or equivalent international standards for equestrian use. The helmet must also be properly fitted with harness secured. It is mandatory that all youth and recommended that amateurs wear a ASTM/SEI approved hard hat with harness in all over fence classes.

ATTIRE

- AQHA rules cover the required apparel for each class; however, this is a unique equine event that will most likely appeal to spectators; therefore, exhibitors are urged to be neat and clean at all times.

WARM-UP ARENA GUIDELINES

- No training devices may be used in the warm-up arena(s).
- When riding as practice or in competition anywhere on the grounds, please keep in mind Rule SHW305.8 of the 2014 AQHA Official Handbook pertaining to the use of a curb strap: "when a curb bit is used, a curb strap or curb chain is required, but must meet the approval of the judge [or AQHA steward], be at least one-half inch in width and lie flat against the jaw of the horse. Curb chains cannot be tied to the bit with string or cord."

VIDEOING OF THE LEVEL 1 (NOVICE) CHAMPIONSHIPS

AQHA may film and/or photograph all owners, trainers and exhibitors, together with all horses participating in the various events of the championships, to compile AQHA publicity footage, instructional films, a telecast or live Webcast of the event, etc., as it determines. Furthermore, from time to time, AQHA receives requests from various sources for permission to film and/or photograph the championships to be used in the development of instructional and promotional materials. This includes class performances. The majority of this material is developed by university extension programs as judging materials and is used for comparative purposes. By participating, owners, trainers and exhibitors agree that no compensation shall be due from AQHA, SmartPak, Nutrena or any other party for the publication and/or broadcast of their likeness, picture, name, etc. Please refer to Rule GEN111 of the AQHA Official Handbook.

Exhibitor understands, agrees and acknowledges that official AQHA Level 1 (Novice) Championships videographers and photographers and mass media approved by AQHA have full access to the SmartPak AQHA West Level 1 (Novice) Championship and the Nutrena AQHA East Level 1 (Novice) Championship at any time. This includes the use of lights, flashes and other photo and video

equipment. All exhibitors understand, agree and acknowledge that they should be prepared for the possibility of official photographers, videographers and/or approved mass media taping and/or taking pictures of warm-ups, competition, etc.

Any commercial photography and/or video, or advertisement thereof, taken of subjects within the show ring without prior written consent from show management is expressly forbidden. No professional photographers or videographers capturing images for sale are allowed without the express written permission of the American Quarter Horse Association. All media should check in with the horse show office.

2014 Novice Championships Jackpot Payout

# Shown	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1-2	100%									
3-4	60%	40%								
5-6	50%	30%	20%							
7-9	40%	30%	20%	10%						
10-15	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%					
16-20	30%	24%	18%	12%	9%	7%				
21-25	28%	22%	17%	12%	9%	7%	5%			
26-30	25%	20%	15%	12%	10%	8%	6%	4%		
31-35	23%	18%	15%	11%	9%	8%	7%	5%	4%	
36-40	20%	16%	14%	11%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%
41-45	20%	16%	13%	11%	9%	7%	7%	5%	5%	4%
46-50	20%	16%	13%	11%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	4%
51-55	20%	16%	12.5%	10%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3.5%
56-60	20%	15%	12.5%	10%	8%	6.5%	5.5%	5%	4%	3.5%
61-65	20%	15%	12.5%	10%	8%	6.5%	5%	4.5%	4%	3.5%
66-70	20%	15%	12.5%	10%	7.5%	6%	5%	4%	3.5%	3.5%
71-75	19.5%	15%	12%	10%	7.5%	6%	5%	4%	3.5%	3.5%
76-80	19%	15%	12%	10%	7.5%	6%	5%	4%	3%	3%
81 +	19%	14%	11.5%	10%	7.5%	6%	5%	4%	3%	3%