

Professional Horsemen's Committee Guidelines

1. Recommend rules for membership of Professional Horsemen.
2. Develop programs that will enhance membership in the Professional Horsemen.
3. Stand for election and if elected, serve on the Professional Horsemen's Council.
4. It is the duty of a member of the Professional Horsemen's Committee to adhere to the AQHA rules regarding humane treatment of horses, sportsmanlike conduct and the Professional Horsemen's Code of Ethics. Further, Committee members have the responsibility to appropriately address and immediately report to the Association any person in violation of the above-mentioned rules that are applicable to such person.
5. Actively support and seek donors to the American Quarter Horse Foundation Guy Stoops Memorial Professional Horsemen's Family Scholarship Fund and Professional Horsemen's Crisis Fund.

**Professional Horsemen's Committee Agenda
San Antonio, Texas
2009**

1. Welcome by chair.
2. Committee guidelines/recommendations.
3. Meeting protocol.
4. Member review of and comments on agenda items.
5. Recommendations of committee report from 2008 meeting in San Francisco, California.

The following recommendations will be discussed:

6. Amend Rule 425(a)(3) by eliminating the two Grand Championships in the open division. (*Show Committee primary from Professional Horsemen Committee recommendation*)
7. Count the number of points instead of the number of grands to earn the AQHA Champion award. (*Show Committee primary from Professional Horsemen Committee recommendation*)
8. Redefine the requirements for AQHA Champion to be - 15 points must be earned in halter classes with at least two performance halter championships or halter grand championships. (*Show Committee primary from Amateur, Youth and Professional Horsemen Committee recommendations*)
9. Disallow wedge shoes or pads on horse's feet. (*Show Committee primary from Professional Horsemen Committee recommendation*)
10. Allow Ear Tufts or material made from soft cotton or polyester for the horses ears. (*Show Committee primary from Professional Horsemen Committee recommendation*)
11. Allow the use of weighted tails at AQHA approved events. (*Show Committee primary from Professional Horsemen Committee recommendation*)

12. Allow exhibitors to show more than two horses per class (repeal the limit on numbers of horses which can be shown by one exhibitor in individual performance classes. *(Show Committee primary from Professional Horsemen Committee recommendation)*)

13. Amend rule 450(m) by allowing a rider to:
 - (1) Exhibit **three** horses in junior class.
 - (2) Exhibit **three** horses in senior class.
 - (3) Exhibit **five** horses in an all-age class as long as **three** are junior and **two** are senior; or **three** are senior and **two** are junior.
 - (4) Exhibit up to **six** horses in an all-age class as long as **three** are junior and **three** are senior horses.*(Show Committee primary from Professional Horsemen Committee recommendation)*

14. Allow an exhibitor to show two (2) horses in a group performance class. *(Show Committee primary from Professional Horsemen Committee recommendation)*

15. Amend rule 441(k) Humane treatment by adding additional verbiage under each discipline section to encourage adherence to and awareness of humane treatment of horses:
 451. Reining
 1. Consistent or continual fencing or excessive spinning
 2. Excessive jerking and spurring
 452. Working Cow Horse
 1. Consistent or continual fencing or excessive spinning
 2. Excessive jerking and spurring
 - 464B. Western Pleasure
 1. Excessive jerking and spurring
 - 453B. Western Riding
 1. Excessive jerking and spurring
 - 454B. Trail
 1. Excessive jerking and spurring
 - 473B. Western Horsemanship
 1. Excessive jerking and spurring
 455. Team Penning/ 456. Sorting
 1. Excessive spurring and whipping
 - 465B. Hunter Under Saddle

- 1. Excessive jerking and spurring
 - 461. Working Hunter
 - 1. Poleing
 - 460. Jumping
 - 1. Poleing
 - 475. Equitation Over Fences
 - 1. Poleing
 - 467. Roping
 - 1. Excessive jerking and spurring
 - 457. Barrels/458. Poles
 - 1. Excessive jerking and spurring
 - 2. Excessive whipping forward of the cinch
 - Animal Welfare Task Force (*Show Committee primary from Professional Horsemen Committee recommendation*)
16. Amend Rule 464B, Western Pleasure, by adding Rule 465B(l)(3): Performing any of the following as described in Rule 447(d) "Poor Walk", "Extremely Poor Jog", "Poor Extended Jog", "Extremely Poor Lope". (*Judges Committee primary from Professional Horsemen and Show Committee recommendations*)
 17. Withdraw green classes from the Incentive Fund Program. (*Show Committee primary from Professional Horsemen Committee recommendation*)
 18. Exclude points earned at an Introductory Show from the Incentive Fund. (*Show Committee primary from Amateur and Professional Horsemen Committee recommendations*)
 19. Charge an additional fee for open exhibitors. (*Show Committee primary from Professional Horsemen Committee recommendation*)
 20. Give exhibitors the option of reversing into the rail in western pleasure and hunter under saddle. (*Show Committee primary from Professional Horsemen Committee recommendation*)
 21. Amend rule 443 Western Equipment by making it read, "A horse of any sex and/or age may be show with or without a bit of any description, as long as the presiding judge does not deem it to be to harsh. A horse of any sex and/or age may be shown in any device without a bit, such as a

hackamore, bosal, side pull, etc., as long as there is a strap or straps on the horse's head and reins, or the equivalent." (*Show Committee primary from Professional Horsemen Committee recommendation*)

22. Increase fees at the World Show for the following classes and years in order to increase purses for World Show events to be competitive with other associations:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008*</u>	<u>2009</u>
Weanlings	\$500	\$500	\$500
Cutting	\$1,100	\$1,175	\$1,250
Cow Horse	\$600	\$675	\$750
Reining	\$850	\$925	\$1,000
2-yr-old Pleasure	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Roping/VRH	\$600	\$675	\$750
All others	\$350	\$425	\$500

(all others include speed events, team penning and ranch sorting)

*2008 increases not made, committee voted to leave the same as 2007.

(*Show Committee primary from Professional Horsemen and Amateur Committee recommendations*)

23. Revise the process of selecting and voting for the Professional Horseman and Horsewoman of the Year. (*Professional Horsemen Committee primary*)
24. Define the duties of Professional Horsemen for show management, exhibitors and new PH members. (*Professional Horsemen Committee primary*)
25. Require Professional Horsemen members to provide documented membership and involvement in the Professional Horsemen's State Affiliate. (*Professional Horsemen Committee primary*)
26. Establish a youth online chat room utilizing Professional Horsemen to offer advice and answers to their questions. This would be free to anyone who is an AQHYA member. (*Professional Horsemen Committee primary*)
27. Consideration of other business.
28. Adjourn.