



Rule Changes

Approved committee actions from the March Convention.

THIS YEAR, MORE THAN 1,000 AQHA DIRECTORS, MEMBERS, CORPORATE PARTNERS and guests gathered in San Francisco for the Association's annual convention. Prior to each Convention, members submit recommendations for rule and policy changes for consideration by AQHA's 16 standing committees that, as approved by the board of directors and the Executive Committee, set the direction, marketing and substance of the breed.

Following are the approved changes. For more information or to view each committee's original agenda, log onto www.aqha.com, or call (806) 376-4811.

Unless otherwise noted, rule changes become effective January 1, 2009.

Amateur Committee

- Approved to allow amateur members the opportunity to apply for their judge's card without losing their amateur status.
- Approved to add the Professional Women's Barrel Race to Rule 403 (a) (6).
- Approved to allow an international amateur exhibitor to exhibit a leased horse at the World Show or the Bayer Select World in a similar manner that a youth exhibitor leases a horse for the Ford Youth World.
- Approved to award year-end high-point certificates to Select amateurs, which will be mailed.
- Approved amateur exhibitors that are 70 years or older

the ability to qualify for Select World Show with half of the qualifying points needed for each class beginning with the 2009 Bayer Select World Show qualifying period.

Finance Committee

- Approved the finance committee guidelines of committee and member responsibilities.
- Approved the schedules of 2007 investment performance.
- Approved all actions of the investment oversight committee for the last year.
- Approved the current investment policy statement and schedules.
- Approved the September 30, 2007, fiscal statements of position and activities.

Equine Research

Funded the following proposals in the amount of \$426,593.40

1. Auburn University — “Pharmacokinetics of Amikacin in Adult Horses and Comparison of the Concentration of Amikacin in Synovial Fluid in an Inflamed Antebrachioacarpal Joint after Intra-Articular or Parenteral Administration or a Combination of these Routes of Administration” for \$11,240.00
 2. Cornell University — “The Pharmacokinetics and Tissue Distribution of Minocycline in Horses” for \$27,146.00
 3. Occidental College — “The Equine Immune Response to *Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis* Infection: Implications for Diagnosis and Vaccine Development” for \$44,000.00
 4. Ohio State University — “Equine Head Trauma: Correlation of Neuroanatomic Skull Injury and Brain Damage using State of the Art 3T MR, Contrast CT and Immunohistochemical Analysis” for \$73,596.40
 5. Oregon State University — “Prevalence and Prevention of Anesthetic Myopathy in Quarter Horses” for \$19,470.00
 6. Oregon State University — “Molecular Characterization of Early Osteochondrosis Lesions in Prepubertal Foals” for \$13,600.00
 7. Texas A&M University — “Laparoscopic Evaluation of Oviductal Patency in the Mare” for \$26,350.00
 8. Texas A&M University — “Harmful Effects of Glucocorticoids on Stallion Reproduction: Gene Expression Studies Leading to a New Clinical Assay for Fertility Prediction” for \$37,784.00
 9. Texas A&M University — “Biopsy of Equine Embryos for Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis” for \$56,555.00
 10. University of Georgia — “Hydrocortisone Therapy in Septic Foals” for \$35,000.00
 11. University of Illinois — “The Use of Tendon Derived Progenitor Cells to Promote Tendon Healing in Horses” for \$26,951.00
 12. University of Minnesota — “Genetic Analysis of Glycogen Storage Disorders in Quarter Horses” for \$54,901.00
- Approved a collaborative relationship with the Morris Animal Foundation through the Equine Consortium for Genetic Research, and to provide support of \$50,000 for related genetic research.
 - Approved to establish a young investigator award, as concept was previously approved, to benefit the capacity for future researchers in the equine field.
 - Approved relationship with *Compendium Equine* regarding

scientific publication of annual research findings supported by the Foundation.

- Approved a relationship with *The Horse* regarding publication of abstracts for prospective research supported by the Foundation.
- Approved the formation of a taskforce for establishing an emergency preparedness/disease control program for major AQHA events.

Foundation Committee

- Approved formation of a taskforce to study and implement a vocational scholarship program for horseman development.
- Approved changes to the America’s Horse Cares scoring criteria.
- Approved changes to the Merle Wood Humanitarian Award scoring criteria. A nominee must achieve a minimum of 75 points to be qualified to receive the honor.
- Approved funding a panel on genetic disease for the NCHA Convention.
- Approved proposed 2008 scholarship recipients.

Foundation Council

- Approved increase of the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum admission prices from \$4 to \$6.

International Committee

- Approved to adopt the affiliate agreement after review of each international affiliate and AQHA legal counsel.
- Approved to allow the membership of the Irish Quarter Horse Association to reapply for affiliation.
- Approved to allow the Japanese Quarter Horse Association affiliate new board of directors to be reinstated on a probationary period of one year, with international committee review.
- Approved to allow the Chile Quarter Horse Association affiliate new board of directors to be reinstated on a probationary period of one year, with international committee review.

Judges Committee

- Approved that the judges conflict of interest rule, 438(c)(2)(A&F), be changed from six months to three months.
- Approved that judges receive five credits on the Judges Rating System for judging specific affiliate world shows and major events.
- Approved that the time frame for placing approved judge applicants on the judges list be reduced.
- Approved that judges with two years or more years judging experience be allowed to advance two levels in one year on the Judges Rating System.

Marketing Committee

- Approved to be developed with international department — to investigate recognizing and/or awarding through 10th place, *charro* competitors in the Congreso who are riding American Quarter Horses and who are members of AQHA.
- Approved investigating a plan to recognize *escaramuza* competitors that will encourage them to transfer their horses and become members of AQHA.
- Approved to explore programming on RFD-TV highlight-

ing suitable footage from *charro* competitions.

- Approved adapting various AQHA material into Portuguese.
- Approved that AQHA investigate developing an alliance with Zibbit – the competition training and educational Web site.
- Approved to investigate advertising in catalogs from major sales to reach recreational members.
- Approved to investigate ways to promote the horse and Association on Web-based platforms such *dreamhorse.com*, *tacktrader.com*, *equine.com* and others.
- Approved for staff to explore an AQHA presence at key recreational venues that will include on-site services where possible.
- Approved that AQHA move forward with the development of an American Quarter Horse celebration of the breed as a profit-generating, promotional opportunity and support event for the membership.
- Approved to develop a marketing program that is targeted to women.
- Approved that the marketing committee (or a subcommittee of marketing) meets following the executive committee's approval of all Convention agenda items to assess its annual plans and programs in light of action taken at Convention.

Membership Services

- Approved to add the names of committee and subcommittee members on the appropriate committee agendas for Convention.
- Approved to continue the Association's efforts to provide beneficial member programs and services, increase annual membership fees by \$5 from \$35 to \$40, three-year membership fees by \$10 from \$70 to \$80 and life membership fees by \$100 from \$400 to \$500. Staff investigate the possibility of adding a noncurrent membership & transfer package for the cost of \$50 rather than the \$55 under the new membership fee increase.

Nominations and Credentials

- Approved to adopt the following guidelines for the Committee:

In accordance with AQHA Bylaws and General Rules & Regulations, examine the credentials of those applying for designation as an AQHA Director and/or Honorary Vice President and recommend a slate of nominations.

Review and make recommendations regarding the criteria, standards and qualification for service as an AQHA Director.

Review and make recommendations regarding AQHA policies and guidelines concerning AQHA directors that are designed to assist AQHA in complying with state, federal or other applicable law.

If so directed by the AQHA Executive Committee, review and make recommendations to address situations involving allegation(s) that an AQHA Director's conduct fails to meet the standards and criteria expected of and applicable to AQHA Directors.

Make recommendations concerning AQHA Rules and

Bylaws that are related to the governance of AQHA.

- Approved full committee meeting to discuss AQHA's overall governance; how to better educate Directors; keeping Directors informed via routine e-mails; enhancing the new Director's orientation; soliciting volunteers (committee members, directors, etc.) via *America's Horse*; offering webinars for Directors; allowing affiliates to solicit via e-mails using AQHA e-mail addresses; refining and enhancing the Director's year-end questionnaire; rule changes submitted year after year and denied; etc.

Professional Horsemen Committee

- Approved a subcommittee to develop a mission statement for Professional Horsemen. The subcommittee consists of Rodney Sawyer, Dale Livingston and Lynn Palm.
- Changed the approval process of each new application by sending these applicants to the Professional Horseman's Council for review.
- Approved to amend the Professional Horseman's application to include a reference from a national director in the applicant's state.
- Approved to make it mandatory for new applicants to list two current Professional Horseman references, rather than allow four client references.
- Approved to request U.S. and Canadian affiliates form a standing committee consisting of the Professional Horsemen members in their state.
- Approved to mail a letter to all new Professional Horsemen members stating the purpose and mission of Professional Horsemen.
- Approved to have all new Professional Horseman applicants listed in *The American Quarter Horse Journal*.
- Approved to place all new Professional Horsemen members on a one-year probation period.
- Approval pending based on the outcome of the task force to develop a more user-friendly Web site for Professional Horsemen.
- Created a subcommittee to look into developing criteria for nominations of Professional Horseman and Horsewoman of the Year. The subcommittee consists of Karen Graham, Stephanie Lynn, Sue Sultze and Lynn Palm.
- Approved to automatically designate money won at the Team Wrangler Showdown to the Professional Horsemen's Crisis Fund.
- Created a task force of members of Professional Horsemen and Certified Horsemanship Association to develop levels for trainers and instructors and to work on ways to integrate Certified Horsemanship Association members into Professional Horseman's Association. Suggestions for the task force are:
 - Patti Carter – Professional Horseman's chair
 - Dale Livingston – PH vice-chair
 - Bennie Sargent – PH Council member
 - Rodney Sawyer – PH Committee member
 - Sandra Elder – PH member who would be on instructor level
 - Julie Goodnight – CHA Spokeswoman and top instructor
 - Christy Landwehr – CHA Staff and PH member
 - Tara Gamble – CHA President-elect and PH member

Public Policy Committee

- Approved that AQHA work with the American Horse Council to achieve its reviewed and approved agenda items regarding federal legislation affecting the equine industry.
- Approved the 2008-09 Public Policy Business Plan, which includes the appointment of a Grassroots Advocacy Task Force to develop a “key contacts” program, chaired by Scott Merritt.
- Approved to support the voluntary implementation of premise registration and animal identification and to oppose any mandatory registration and/or identification.
- Referred for discussion during June, 2008 Unwanted Horse Coalition meeting. To support an increase of AQHA participation in the Unwanted Horse Coalition to fund a full-time position to facilitate awareness, education and fund-raising, pending verification of need and cost by the Coalition and similar participation by other member organizations.
- Approved the following revision of the position statement recommended by the Public Policy Committee at the 2007 Houston Convention and subsequently approved by the Executive Committee:

First and foremost, the American Quarter Horse Association unequivocally supports the humane treatment of horses and vigorous enforcement of reasonable state and federal laws intended for that purpose.

It is this fervent dedication to the welfare of the horse that drives AQHA to address the difficult issues related to humane care, transportation and disposition of all breeds of horses.

Therefore, AQHA supports and joins with the Unwanted Horse Coalition whose mission is to reduce the number of unwanted horses and to improve their welfare through education, and the efforts



**UNWANTED HORSE
COALITION**

of organizations committed to the health, safety, and responsible care and disposition of these horses.

End-of-life issues for horses are personal and should remain the right of the individual horse owner.

AQHA opposes abolishing the option of horse processing as there are simply no other provisions to take care of the 80,000 to 100,000 horses that meet that end each year. Consistent with positions established by the American Association of Equine Practitioners and American Veterinary Medical Association, AQHA supports the humane, USDA supervised end-of-life process as a much better option than starvation, neglect or inhumane treatment inside or outside of the United States.

To date, no proposed state or federal law has addressed funding of care for unwanted horses, long-term placement of affected horses or established guidelines for standards of care at retirement and rescue facilities. Failing to address these core issues adversely affects the welfare of horses.

Additionally, horses as livestock are personal property protected under the United States Constitution. Any law that would result in “taking” of personal property without just compensation or valid purpose is a violation of an individual’s constitutional rights. Furthermore, it is a violation of the Commerce Clause to unreasonably restrict interstate trade of property.

Therefore, AQHA continues to oppose the provisions of state or federal legislation intended to: (a) prohibit the humane end-of-life processing of horses; and (b) prohibit the humane transport of horses within the United States that may be destined to processing plants.

- The committee also recommends that AQHA develop a video production designed to educate the membership and the general public on the facts of the horse processing/transport for processing issue and the reasons for the AQHA position on the matter.
- Additionally, the committee recommends that AQHA actively educate its members and the general public via the Web site, Association publications and editorial positions in other publications, on the consequences of eliminating a humane end-of-life process for unwanted horses and responsible ownership and breeding.

Racing Committee

- Approved the new criteria for selection of Broodmare of the Year with the deletion of “nongraded” from the Champions Selection Committee task force’s recommendations.
- Approved the task force recommendations for the Champions Selection Committee conduct policy guidelines.
- Approved staff recommendation to research a second career racehorse AQHA Incentive Fund/Bank of America Racing Challenge program and to present to the appropriate committee(s) at the 2009 Convention.
- Approved the graded stakes task force recommendations.

Racing Council

- Approved graded stakes report as presented.
- Approved Racing Committee report as presented with an amendment to the graded stakes guidelines that a review of the guidelines be conducted every 12 months with a report to the Racing Council on any possible revisions. If a horse earns points in an open graded stakes race(s) and also competes in a restricted graded stakes race(s), any points earned in the open graded stakes race(s) will affect the stakes race points for any restricted stakes race it starts. Points earned from restricted stakes race(s) will not affect open stakes

races under any circumstance.

- Approved for staff to continue negotiations with TVG and to add an additional \$50,000 plus \$15,000 from PCQHRA.
- Approved the following additional “John Deere Bonus Challenge Races” and matching funds as follows:
 1. Mount Pleasant Meadows, Mount Pleasant, Michigan, \$7,500
 2. Grants Pass Downs, Grants Pass, Oregon, \$5,000.
 3. Laurel Brown Race Track, Sandy, Utah, \$5,000.
- Approved \$25,000 from Challenge funds to be used as matching funds with \$25,000 funds provided by LQHBA for the “new” qualifying race to be run at Evangeline Downs in 2008, plus an additional matching \$25,000 each year at future racetracks hosting the Challenge Championships.
- Approved researching adding the Racing Challenge Maiden Allowance division.
- Approved the recommendation from staff pertaining to the South America Racing Challenge, “SARC,” that for this program to continue to receive any support (financial, promotion and guidance) from AQHA, all Challenge-enrolled horses must become registered with the AQHA at the time of enrollment and the owners must become members of AQHA.
- Approved to further research the proposal concerning AQHA working with international racetracks and approving races.
- Approved conducting the summer Council meeting in Ruidoso during the All American trials August 12 & 13.
- Approved to discontinue the marketing/travel grant process for the Racing Conference.
- Approved the following amounts for legislative needs:
 1. Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing Association - \$4,000
 2. Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Racing Association - \$12,500
 3. Florida Quarter Horse Racing Association - \$40,000, pending follow-up
 4. Kansas Quarter Horse Racing Association - \$15,000
 5. Texas Quarter Horse Association - \$100,000, pending follow-up and more information
 6. Montana Quarter Horse Association - \$5,000
- Approved request from Yellowstone Downs for \$10,000 for promotional funding.
- Approved moving forward with the submission from Lisa Perry with the bronze, Bound For Glory, as the new AQHA Running World Champion trophy.

Recreational Activities

- Approved to prioritize, plan and execute the following projects and initiatives for recreational enthusiasts:
 1. Instructor network development
 2. Field marketing – local level member and industry relationship and involvement building.
 3. Q-Fab – test an American Quarter Horse celebration weekend in '09
 4. STEP expansion – protecting our riding heritage
- Approved for staff to investigate a potential award program to reward members for time spent in the act of trail preservation.
- Approved to form a subcommittee to identify a suggested obstacle list and scoring process for trail trials.
- Approved for staff to consider Eminence, Missouri, as the possible location of the American Quarter Horse festival.



- Approved the new award structure for the Horseback Riding Program.
- Approved the proposed fee structure for the Horseback Riding Program.

Show Committee

General Subcommittee

- Approved to develop a performance halter leading sire list separate from the halter leading sire list.
- Approved that AQHA develop an appropriate award that can be purchased by the owner of year-end high-point winners rather than certificates.
- Approved that an alliance partnership be formed with the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association.

Show Management Subcommittee

- Approved at show management's option, the novice halter classes may be added to any AQHA show and amended to not be eligible for Grand and Reserve
- Approved to change the existing policy and allow shows with less than 250 entries to be held in the split/combined format.
- Recommend Equestrians with Disabilities to allow horses to be exhibited more than once in the same class with a maximum of three exhibitors in trail and showmanship.
- Approved using part of the existing \$3 drug testing fee for a show processing fee. For California and international shows a \$2 show processing fee will be assessed.
- Approved for Equestrian with Disabilities to add a third more difficult trail pattern to make three patterns available.
- Approved adding classes for Equestrians with Disabilities in horsemanship and equitation that include loping and cantering and a slightly more difficult pattern for riders who have advanced.
- Approved allowing show management the option of splitting age groups for the novice youth division.
- Approved adding amateur Select classes in amateur team penning and amateur ranch sorting at AQHA shows and special events.

- Approved at split-combined shows allow show management the ability to pick and choose some classes to be held each day and allow other classes to be held in a split-combined format.

Western Subcommittee

- Approved to add under rule 453 B (f) to add the words “except for novice classes” which would allow simple lead changes in western riding and not be a DQ.
- Approved to amend rule 443 (c) (2) Western Equipment to add the word “upward” prong concerning legality of bit.
- Approved to change wording in Rule 464B (f) Western Pleasure “lope with forward motion” to “lope.”

English Subcommittee

- Approved dressage task force to recommend to make dressage an AQHA class subject to the following resolutions: (1) that a program is in place to approve specialty dressage judges (2) that a program be in place to award points based on competition with other American Quarter Horses and (3) to adopt USDF rules and eligibility to AQHA standards. Also a recommendation to appoint a task force com-



prised of appointed USDF representatives, AQHA representatives from the English subcommittee and the judges committee. The committee recommends the top 10 recognition program put in place at the 2007 AQHA Convention remain in effect until a new program is developed.

- Recommend to amend rule 445 (b) to read “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 which meets ASTM/SEI standards or equivalent international standards for equestrian use. The helmet must also be properly fitted with harness secured.”
- Recommended for the green working hunter to be left in the original green format but to lower the fence heights to a minimum of 2’ 6” and a maximum of 2’ 9”.
- Approved to amend 462 (d) (1) to read “horses in their first year of showing in AQHA shows in green working hunter, open working hunter, amateur working hunter, youth working hunter, amateur equitation over fences, youth equitation over fences, open jumping, amateur jumping or youth jumping.”
- Additionally amended 462 (d) (2) to read “horses that have shown during previous years in AQHA-approved green working hunter, open working hunter, amateur working hunter, youth working hunter, amateur equitation over fences and youth equitation over fences, open jumping, amateur jumping or youth jumping, but have not won more than 10 points in these events or as of January 1 of the current show year.
- Approved to add a new class in 2009 called progressive working hunter.
 - (a) the same rules apply as in junior and senior working hunter except fence height which shall be 2’9” to 3’.
 - (b) (1) Eligibility requirements are for horses of all ages who have no previous AQHA points in open working hunter, amateur working hunter, youth working hunter, amateur equitation over fences, youth equitation over fences, open jumping, youth jumping and amateur jumping. Also that have not exhibited in a class 3’ and over in competition.
 - (2) Horses become eligible for progressive working hunter for a time period of that calendar year after entering any working hunter class other than the green working hunter.
 - (3) Progressive working hunter will be a World Show class but no points will be given towards an all-around or Superhorse award.
 - (c) This class will only be offered in the open division.

World Show Subcommittee

- Approved that in all speed events, the finals order of go will be run by slowest to fastest preliminary qualifying time.
- Approved placing each judge’s individual placing on the big screen for placed classes after world champion has been announced.
- Approved the revision of the criteria for awarding Superhorse.
- Approved to leave the current World Show fees in place for the 2008 World Show and to review at the 2009 Convention.

- Approved that all ties for 20th place will be included to work on the rail in western horsemanship, hunt seat equitation and hunter hack.
- Amend to adopt chart to change the number of points to qualify for the AQHA World Championship Show.

Versatility Ranch Horse Subcommittee

- Approved to amend Rule 414 (c) to fine \$10 fee for entire competition instead of per section.
- Approved using patterns for the ranch riding class and that several patterns be developed and that a judge's score be developed.
- Approved that in ranch cutting an additional rule that states that time should not start until contestant crosses a predetermined and marked timeline. Cattle numbers can be announced prior to crossing the starting line.
- Approved that in the working ranch horse to make refusing to turn a three-point penalty.
- Approved that in the working ranch horse to make a blatant disobedience for a circumstance that is not listed (resulting in a five point penalty).
- Approved to change wording of Rule 477 (i)(4) *Working Ranch Horse* to read "However, in the working ranch horse class, the horse will be judged on three maneuvers: 1. the ability to trail 2. the ability to rate 3. the ability stop the cow" Additionally, a two-loop run will receive a penalty of three points and a no catch run will receive a penalty of five points.
- Approved that the wording in each of the working ranch horse patterns be consistent and is the same wording used in working cow horse patterns.
- Approved to allow open exhibitors to show two horses.
- Approved to allow show management the opportunity to determine when the VRH conformation class will be held at the Fort Dodge Versatility Ranch Horse World Championship Show.
- Approved to add penalty points during the ground tie to include no penalty for horse shifting to balance, one-point penalty for one step, three-point penalty for two to three steps and a five-point penalty for four or more steps.
- Approved that in ranch trail the ground tie stays as a mandatory obstacle but that the requirement to drop the bridle and pick up four feet be dropped as a part of the obstacle.

Stud Book and Registration

- Approved that Rule 202(d) be amended as follows: Registration applications for horses foaled in any of the following countries, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, South Africa, Sweden and Switzerland should be submitted to the recognized international association for processing and submission to AQHA for approval. Properly completed registration applications received by AQHA without evidence of such processing will require notification by AQHA to the recognized International Association that such application has been received and processed. Applicant shall not be required to pay an additional fee, other than usual AQHA registration fees, for this service and shall not be required to be a member of the international association; however, those applicants who are not AQHA members will be subject to AQHA's non-member

COMMITTEE LEADERS

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Membership	Ron Smith	Anne Brzezicki
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Recreational Activities	Bill Horton	Laurel Walker-Denton
Show	Jim Heird	John Pipkin
Stud Book and Registration	Vaughn Cook	Johnny Trotter
Youth Activities	Marilyn Randall	Roger Elder

- fee schedule.
- Approved that Rules 203(g) and 204(f) be deleted as a matter of clarification since those requirements are already contained in 203(f) and 204(e).
- Approved that the proposal included as agenda item 23 on the Stud Book and Registration Committee agenda be tabled pending further study to be undertaken at the direction of committee to include seeking information regarding the subject of cloning from whatever sources that are available to the committee, including ViaGen and research institutions.
- Approved that effective January 1, 2009, stallion breeding report filing fees be increased from \$10 to \$25 and the mare filing fee increased from \$3 to \$5.
- Approved that effective January 1, 2009, stallion breeding report late filing fees be changed to a flat \$30 fee instead of \$10 per mare.
- Approved that effective January 1, 2009, the DNA typing fee be increased from \$35 to \$40 if done at the time of registration, and increased from \$35 to \$50 if done other than at the time of registration.

Youth Activities Committee

- Approved to reconvene the Youth World Show task force to evaluate all aspects of the 2008 Youth World and review and define the intent of the Youth World hardship rule.
- Approved to investigate the feasibility of adding an affiliate division to the World Show judging contest.
- Approved to investigate the development of a youth horsemanship futurity using "AQHA's Fundamentals of Horsemanship."
- Approved the following strategic initiatives to ensure the expansion of youth membership for AQHA
 - A. Long term growth of youth involvement with American Quarter Horses
 - B. Show improvement and refinement
 - C. Youth education programs
 - D. Youth communication and activities.