

**Judges Committee
2013 AQHA Convention
Houston, Texas**

Mr. President, the Judges Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. To appoint a task force to study Rule SHW910.12 regarding mandatory retirement age of judges.
2. Amend Rule SHW571.2 to read, "It is not necessary that the roper catch for the contestant to receive a score in the roping portion. If there is a no catch, or an illegal catch, the contestant will still receive a score in the roping portion, but a 5 point penalty must be subtracted from the roping score accumulated prior to the catch (i.e., if a horse trails and rates it's cow, but no catch is made, the horse will receive the score it has earned up to the point of the catch minus five points).
3. Amend Rule SHW550.7 to read, "Holding the saddle horn will not be penalized".
4. Amend Rule SHW912.1 to read, "Judges may not judge two consecutive years at the same show, set of shows or circuit except when judging cutting, working cow horse, roping, team penning, ranch sorting, speed events, ranch pleasure or versatility ranch horse where they may judge up to two consecutive years".
5. Amend Rule SHW905.3 by adding, **TO MAINTAIN APPROVAL AS A JUDGE**, an individual must; attain a minimum of three (3) credits from AQHA approved shows per calendar year beginning January 1 of the year following the individual's approval as an AQHA approved judge. In cases where four or more show numbers are judged at the same show, or set of shows, only four (4) credits will be counted against the maximum of 25 shows for that judge. AQHA approved specialized judges must earn a minimum of one (1) credit every three (3) years beginning the date they go on the list of AQHA approved judges. This credit may be earned by judging an AQHA approved show or an alliance show in the discipline for which they are approved. An individual who has served as a panel member for an AQHA sanctioned Judges Conference; a panel member for an AQHA Judging Seminar; and/or an official judge for an AQHA sanctioned Qualifying Exam will receive credit for one show judged.
6. That 10 of the 14 All-Around applicants be approved to test at the 2013 Judges Qualifying Exam.
7. That one applicant be approved as an All-Around judge for South America.

8. That 11 of the 17 specialized applicants be approved.
9. That two versatility ranch horse judges be approved.
10. That five progressive judges be advance to the list of all-around judges.
11. To elect Pete Kyle as chair.