

**Amateur Committee Agenda
Las Vegas, Nevada
2012**

1. Welcome by chair
2. Committee guidelines
3. Meeting protocol
4. Member review of and comments on agenda items
5. Nomination for committee chair (Saturday)

Review the following member recommendations:

6. Amend the amateur eligibility rules to allow an individual to compete as an amateur exhibitor three years after the date that they last participated in an activity that made them ineligible to compete as an amateur.
7. Amend Rule 403 (a) (3) by breaking the rule into sections to help clarify the rule.
8. Amend Rule 403 (a) (3) to allow individuals who are members of the AQHA Professional Horseman's Association, who are 65 years of age and older, who have not trained, assisted in training or exhibited horses owned by a third party for the previous five years. And are willing to give up their membership in the AQHA Professional Horseman's Association will immediately be eligible to compete as an AQHA amateur exhibitor.
9. Amend Rule 403 (a) (7) to add Barrel Racing only after the Women's Professional Rodeo Association and to delete the Professional Women's Barrel Racing and the Women's Professional Rodeo Association All Women's Rodeo.
10. Amend and separate from Rule 403 (a) (7) within **five calendar years previous**, amateur members **who are eligible to compete as a select amateur and** have earned Gold Card status **with another organization or association**, that have not activated the Gold Card **to be eligible to compete** within their respective individual **organization or association**, will be allowed to compete in any AQHA amateur class.
11. Amend Rule 403 (c) to become eligible for amateur membership, or become eligible for reinstatement to amateur membership, the individual must wait **a period of up to** five years from the date of the last incident, which rendered the individual ineligible. Violation of AQHA's rule requirement for truthful application

for amateur status may be cause for more severe sanction than such waiting period.

12. Amend Rule 405A (c) to once an individual has earned:
 - 1) 25 AQHA novice amateur, amateur, novice youth, youth or open points, or any combination thereof in a particular class;**
 - 2) or earned 50 points or a superior award in a given class in another equine organization or association;**
 - 3) or won a world or reserve world, national or reserve national championship title or an international title in AQHA competition or any equine organization or association in that class;**
 - 4) or won a total of \$5,000 in cash and prizes with any equine breed organization or association,**
he/she will no longer be eligible to participate in the class(es) in subsequent years but may continue to compete in that class(es) until the end of the calendar year in which the afore-mentioned instances occurred.
13. Amend Rule 405A (c) to AQHA requiring proof of all points that the exhibitor has earned in other recognized equine association each year to update the exhibitor's record, exhibitors that have earned superior event awards from that association should NOT be considered a novice in that event in AQHA and the exhibitor must sign a statement that if the information is found to be false or misleading the individual will be suspended from all AQHA events for no less than five years.
14. Amend Rule 405A (c) to any professional that has waited a period of five years to return as an amateur competitor, but not be eligible for any novice skill set.
15. Amend Rule 405A (c) to once an individual has earned 25 AQHA novice amateur, amateur, novice youth, youth or open points, or any combination thereof, in a skill set he/she will no longer be eligible to compete in that novice skill set until the end of the calendar year in which the afore mentioned instances occurred. Any individual who has been an accredited horse show judge will not be eligible to participate in novice competition.
16. Amend Rule 405 to add novice select classes.
17. Consider dividing the amateur division into two different separate divisions: the amateur division which would be individuals 49 years of age and under and the select division which would be individuals 50 years of age and older.
18. Consider allowing select exhibitors who earn an invitation to the select world show and the amateur world show to compete at both world shows with the same horse.

19. Consider adding a select class for people that are over 65 years of age and it be run concurrently with the current select classes.
20. Consider changing the requirements for the amateur state invitee at the select world show and the amateur world show to:
 - 1) An invitation will be sent to the highest point-earning individual that has missed the national qualifying points in each class from each state or province and has earned at least one-half of the national qualifying points for that particular class.
 - 2) Those points must be earned during the qualifying period for each of the world shows.
 - 3) Points DO NOT have to be earned in the state that the individual resides in. The points may be earned at any AQHA-approved show excluding introductory shows.
 - 4) State invitees will not be eligible for the All-Around Select Amateur or the All-Around Amateur at the World Shows. For classes to count toward all-around eligibility, the exhibitor/horse must have earned a national qualification in those classes.
 - 5) If there is a tie in points to determine the state invitee from a state and class, AQHA will use the following to break the tie: the invitation will be awarded to the exhibitor/horse combination earning the final point the earliest in the qualifying period.
 - 6) There will only be one invitation per state or province per class sent from AQHA. Even if the recipient chooses not to enter a world show in which they were invited.
 - 7) Those exhibitors earning a state invitation will not be called a World Show qualifier and the horse's record will not state that it is a world show qualifier.
21. Amend Rule 450 (q) to allow multiple riders within approved ownership eligibility guidelines (403 (a) (5)) to compete in more than one youth or amateur subdivision. This would increase class sizes and allow more members the opportunity to compete at AQHA shows.
22. Strategic Operating Plan discussion and update.
23. Consideration of other business
24. Election of committee chair
25. Adjourn