

**Show Committee Agenda
2017 Convention
San Antonio, Texas**

1. Welcome by Chair
2. Committee guidelines
3. Meeting protocol
4. Member review of and comments on agenda items
5. Review of agenda items by subcommittees
6. Nominations for Committee Chair (Saturday)

GENERAL SUBCOMMITTEE

Agenda items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:

1. Amend rule: SHW400.1- SHW 400.2 Reduce number of horses to be shown to two horses in a junior class and two horses in a senior class. - (member)
SHW400.1 Exhibit ~~three~~ **two** horses in a junior class.
SHW400.2 Exhibit ~~three~~ **two** horses in a senior class.
2. Add new class: Walk/Trot for select amateurs 65 and over if not showing in corresponding lope/canter class at the same show. - (member)
3. Add new class: Walk only showmanship class in Level 1 Amateur and Level 1 Youth. - (member)
4. Add Western Dressage as an AQHA approved event and form an affiliate with USEF. - (member)
5. Add new class: Steer stopping as an approved AQHA class. – (member)
 - a. Approve in Amateur, Amateur Select, Level 1 Amateur, Youth and Level 1 Youth
 - b. Approve in all divisions
6. Add new class: Timed ranch trail as an approved AQHA class for shows in China - (member)
7. Add new class: Hunter in Hand as an approved AQHA class. - (member)
8. Review rules: SHW 330 GAITS – WESTERN CLASSES and SHW332 GAITS – ENGLISH CLASSES – concerning acceptable head and neck carriage. - (member)

9. Add new class: Individual rail class. - (staff)
10. Amend rule SHW225.3.1 shown, ~~judged~~, trained or assisted in training a horse (whether or not a registered American Quarter Horse) for remuneration, monetary or otherwise, either directly or indirectly. Payment of entry fees and/or expenses by anyone other than the amateur, the amateur's "Immediate Family" as defined herein or an amateur's collegiate team and/or nationally sponsored team (team demonstrations, exhibitions or international competitions only) shall be considered remuneration; – (member)
11. Delete rule SHW225.3.4 held credentials of horse show judge for AQHA or any other equine organization; – (member)

SHOW FORMAT & PROCEDURES SUBCOMMITTEE

Agenda items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:

1. Amend rule: SHW371. SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER - CLASS PROCEDURES: - ~~All exhibitors may enter the ring and then work individually or~~ Each exhibitor may be worked from the gate individually. (**Add**) **Exhibitor may enter one or more horses in a class but each horse may be shown only once per class.** - (member)
2. Amend rule: SHW431. WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP - CLASS PROCEDURES: All exhibitors must enter the ring and then work individually, or each exhibitor may be worked from the gate individually. When exhibitors are worked individually from the gate, a working order is required. Exhibitors should be instructed to either leave the arena, fall into line, or fall into place on the rail after their work. The whole class, or just the finalists, may ~~must~~ work at all three gaits at least one direction of the arena.. - (member)
3. Amend rule: SHW617 - HUNT SEAT EQUITATION ON THE FLAT - PATTERN: It is mandatory that the judge post the pattern at least one hour prior to commencement of the class. The pattern should be designed so the majority of exhibitors can perform it in a reasonable length of time (under 60 seconds). All patterns must include a trot, ~~and~~ canter and a back. - (member)
4. Amend rule: SHW619 - HUNT SEAT EQUITATION ON THE FLAT - CLASS PROCEDURE: Exhibitors may be worked individually from the gate or they may all enter at once, but a working order must be drawn regardless. The entire class, or only the finalists, may ~~must~~ work at all three gaits at least one direction of the arena. Rail work can be used to break ties and possibly adjust placings. - (member)
5. Amend rule: SHW400.8 PERFORMANCE CLASSES **A** ~~No~~ horse may be shown in more than one youth or amateur subdivision of any type of event. (Example: A horse ridden in a reining class by a youth in the 11-year-old and younger group cannot also be ridden in a reining class by a youth in the 15-through 18-year-old group). However, the same horse may be shown in a Level 1 class then shown by another exhibitor or

same exhibitor in Level 2 or 3 youth or amateur division. - (member)

6. Add new rule: It is mandatory for professional steward, licensed by AQHA, to be in attendance at every approved AQHA event where horses compete for recognition through awards and points. Payment of fees and expenses of the Steward(s) will be the responsibility of Event Management. - (member)
7. Add new rule: For International shows, a certified show secretaries/managers to be able to accept transfer documentation at a show and allow horses to compete in the new ownership, results subject to AQHA accepting the transfer on arrival at the head office. - (member)
8. Add new rule: Transfers and paperwork normally witnessed by Notary Public to be acceptable if signed by a certified show secretary or manager for international shows - (member)
9. Amend rule: SHW245. LEVEL 1 ELIGIBILITY: **Rules of eligibility for all levels with the exception of level 5 in both the Amateur, Youth; all horses in all levels with the exception of level 3 in Open divisions in the event chosen. Rider in Amateur/Youth events, Horse in Open events, NOT TO HAVE – (criteria is listed in letter):** - (member)
10. Add new rule: All Horse Show Offices be open until the last class of the day is completed. - (member)
11. Amend rule: SHW 245.3 When determining eligibility for a level in a particular class, an individual/ horse may not have exceeded the point cap described in SHW245.1 for that particular class. In addition, at the time of application for level 1 an individual may not have earned a superior award in a particular class in any equine organization or association with a membership of more than 7,500 members (including AQHA); placed in the top 10 at any AQHA World Championship Show in a particular class; won a world, reserve world, national or reserve national championship title in a particular class(excluding level 1 class) in any equine organization or association with a membership of more than 7,500 members; won an international or reserve international title for that particular class at the European Championships or German Championships regardless of whether the international class in question was an AQHA –approved class; or won a total of \$5,000 in cash and prizes with any equine organization or association. If an exhibitor wins a class at the Level 1 Championships he/she is no longer eligible to compete in that class at any future Level 1 Championships; however, if an exhibitor is Level 1 eligible he/she may continue to show in that class in Level 1 competition. If an exhibitor has not reached any of the above achievements but has pointed out of level 1, the exhibitor can only return to level 1 in that particular class if the exhibitor has not earned any points in that class for ~~40 consecutive years~~ **3 consecutive years** and must meet eligibility requirements per Rule SHW245.3. - (member)

12. Amend rule: SHW 245.3 When determining eligibility for a level in a particular class, an individual/ horse may not have exceeded the point cap described in SHW245.1 for that particular class. In addition, at the time of application for level 1 an individual may not have earned a superior award in a particular class in AQHA ~~any equine organization or association with a membership of more than 7,500 members (including AQHA)~~: placed in the top 10 at any AQHA World Championship Show in a particular class; won a world, reserve world, national or reserve national championship title in a particular class(excluding level 1 class) in any equine organization or association with a membership of more than 7,500 members; won an international or reserve international title for that particular class at the European Championships or German Championships regardless of whether the international class in question was an AQHA –approved class; or won a total of \$5,000 in cash and prizes with any equine organization or association. If an exhibitor wins a class at the Level 1 Championships he/she is no longer eligible to compete in that class at any future Level 1 Championships; however, if an exhibitor is Level 1 eligible he/she may continue to show in that class in Level 1 competition. If an exhibitor has not reached any of the above achievements but has pointed out of level 1, the exhibitor can only return to level 1 in that particular class if the exhibitor has not earned any points in that class for 10 consecutive years and must meet eligibility requirements per Rule SHW245.3. - (member)
13. Amend rule: SHW768.4 EQUESTRIANS WITH DISABILITIES (EWD): ~~Exhibitors are allowed to ride with one or two hands at any time during the class.~~ **Except for snaffle or hackamore or side pulls entries, only one hand may be used on the reins and the hand may not be changed. However, use of two hands will not be cause of disqualification but will be scored according to severity.** - (member)
14. Amend rule SHW769.1 EQUESTRIANS WITH DISABILITIES (EWD): - Handlers shall stand quietly in a designated area, not obscuring the judge's line of vision, unless their assistance is required and requested by the judge or ring steward in the event of a safety issue. The handler may either take a position behind, beside or in front their respective exhibitor's horse or quietly walk forward and snap onto the horse's halter after the exhibitor's pattern is completed or the class has come in to line up. **Outside assistance may be penalized at the judge's discretion.** - (member)
15. Amend rule SHW771 EQUESTRIANS WITH DISABILITIES (EWD): - PATTERNS All patterns must be posted one hour before the class. One of the suggested EWD patterns(s) must be used, however a judge in concert with the show management may utilize a different pattern **except for** ~~in the walk-trot showmanship at halter, walk-trot-canter hunt seat equitation, walk-jog-lope western horsemanship, trail and para-reining using the acceptable maneuvers.~~ - (member)
16. Review and take any necessary action on Show Format and Procedures Task Force recommendations regarding show approval fees, mileage limitations and consecutive show days.

WESTERN & TIMED EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

Agenda items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:

1. Amend rule SHW225.3.6 AMATEUR ELIGIBILITY: to accept Ranch Sorting National Championships (RSNC) and United States Team Penning Association (USTPA) rating definitions for AQHA Team Penning to determine eligibility in Amateur and Open divisions. – (member)
2. Add new rule: WESTERN PLEASURE: Spurs cannot be used constantly to force horse's head down with each step it takes. Spurs can only be used to stop a horse or lightly for impulsion or correction. – (member)
3. Amend rule SHW305.4.2: WESTERN EQUIPMENT: to allow the use of leather bits as legal equipment. – (member)
4. Amend rule SHW305.6: WESTERN EQUIPMENT: In all western classes, excess rein(s) may be straightened or disentangled anytime during the class, provided the rider's free hand used to straighten or disentangle remains behind the rein hand. Any attempt to alter tension or length of the reins from bridle to rein hand is to be considered use of two hands and a penalty score zero or disqualification will be applied.
5. Amend rule SHW710.2 – STAKE RACE: Change knocking down a pole to a 5 second penalty instead of a no time.
SHW710.2 If an upright marker or pole is knocked down, it shall result in ~~no time~~ a **5-second penalty**.
6. Delete in SHW510.1.2 Boxing the wording "**Any amateur or Select rider can fall back one time to the boxing. After they have returned to the boxing class, it that rider then shows down the fence one time they are permanently ineligible for the boxing class.**" - (member)
7. Delete in SHW 510.1.3 Boxing the wording "**the rider will lose his or her eligibility to enter boxing if he or she shows three or more times down the fence in any judged class. Being entered in a class that includes the fence work will be counted as going down the fence, regardless if the rider boxed the cow and pulled up before the run was completed.**" – (member)

ENGLISH & DRESSAGE SUBCOMMITTEE

Agenda items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:

1. Add new rule: Allow assistance inside arena with Pleasure driving during line-up. – (member)

2. Introduce on a trial basis an AQHA all English two (2) day, four (4) day show. – (member)
3. Have USEF recognize AQHA as a national affiliate. – (member)
4. Develop an award with a monetary bonus and recognition from both AQHA and USEF to the year-end high point quarter horse in USEF competing in the children and adult hunters. – (member)
5. Recognize the high score quarter horse at the USHJA children and adult hunter championships. – (member)
6. Develop a non-rated all quarter horse hunter division at USEF shows, 2'6-2'9. – open to all quarter horses. – (member)
7. Amend rule: SHW638.4 - Minimum height for Level 1 and select will be two feet six inches (76 cm) ~~with a maximum of two feet nine inches.~~ – (member)
8. Amend rule: SHW252.1 ROOKIE LEVEL. Allow horses with 10 or more points to compete over fences in Level 1 and Rookie. – (member)
9. Amend rule: SHW639.3 WORKING HUNTER. Amend rules to be in line with USEF rules/scoring for working hunter. – (member)
10. English Subcommittee approved patterns. – (member)
11. Amend rule: SHW601 HUNTER UNDER SADDLE – eliminate the hand gallop reference to hunter under saddle and replace it with: it is mandatory that a moderate extension of the canter be executed in all hunter under saddle classes. – (member)

WORLD SHOW SUBCOMMITTEE

Agenda items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:

1. 100% of exhibitor's entry fees will be added to the purse at the world show. – (member)
2. Develop an interest bearing account that would be won by exhibitors at the World Show, Select World and Youth World, by adding a \$1 per entry per class at all AQHA-approved shows and the Level 2 classes. – (member)
3. Recommend that AQHA switch from a five judge system to a four judge system.– (member)
4. At world show rather than drop the high and low score, that is currently used, drop only the low score. – (member)

5. Recommend that the judges at the world show be scattered around the arena and not sitting too close to each other. – (member)
6. Amend qualifying for Performance Halter at World Shows to read: ***“In addition to earning the required qualifying points for performance halter, a horse must do one of the following during the qualifying period (August 1, 2016 thru July 31, 2017) in order to exhibit in performance halter: earn ten performance points (other than in showmanship), or show to 20 judges in a performance event (other than showmanship). Amateur show numbers will be counted on a one-horse/one-exhibitor basis.*** – (member)
7. Discuss qualifying for Performance Halter at AQHA World Show. – (member)
8. Amend qualifying for Performance Halter at World Show for youth, amateur and open. – (member)
9. Amend tie-breaking rules at World shows for World Champions to include **SHW506. SCORING. Scoring will be on the basis of 60-80, with 70 denoting an average performance. The same basis of scoring shall apply to both the reined work and cow work. In the event of a tie, the entry with the highest cow work will be declared the winner.** – (member)
10. Amend policy at the Youth, Select or Amateur/Open AQHA World Shows a judges score of an individual run will be used to determine a placing of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. and then those placings will be used to tabulate final results instead of using the actual score as is the current practice. – (member)
11. Adopt a rule that is basing late fees on two – three times of the class entry fee. – (member)
12. Develop an AQHA Championship classical English Dressage and Western Dressage Event/Classes in 2017/2018. – (member)

HALTER SUBCOMMITTEE

Agenda items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:

1. Amend rule SHW365. Performance Halter to: In order to show in a performance halter class the exhibitor must show in a performance class (under saddle) at that show, including world shows. For youth and select amateur world shows, those exhibitors who have a disability that prevents them from exhibiting under saddle, the requirement of showing in a performance class could be waived with proper documentation and would be in line with AQHA's support of equestrians with disabilities. This would only apply to these two shows as they are separate from the open/amateur world show and the opportunity for someone else to exhibit the horse under saddle most times doesn't exist. – (member)

2. Amend rule SHW365. Performance Halter should become a class in its own. Not count in the champion or reserve champion halter. – (member)
3. Amend rule: SHW350.2 – HALTER CLASSES - All horses whose registration certificates are marked with a parrot mouth notation per registration rules, cryptorchid notation per registration rules or excessive white notation per registration rules are ~~ineligible~~ **eligible** to compete in any halter class including performance halter, **but are not allowed to return for Grand and Reserve Champion.** - (member)

AWARDS, RECOGNITION & MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE

Agenda items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:

1. Amend rule SHW803.4. ALL- AROUND - OPEN, AMATEUR, SELECT AMATEUR, YOUTH - Count all amateur classes that are not offered as a separate select class for select all around. – (member)
2. Amend rule: SHW813. YEAR-END HIGH-POINT HORSE - OPEN, AMATEUR, YOUTH - will be awarded annually based on the number of points earned by an individual horse in the **open Junior horse and Senior Horse, Amateur and Select Amateur, Youth 13 and under and 14-18,** ~~open division or an amateur or youth~~ with any one horse in their respective division during that year's competition, in each AQHA-approved event in which points are awarded. – (member)
3. Amend rule: SHW813.3 YEAR-END HIGH-POINT HORSE - OPEN, AMATEUR, YOUTH - Open Junior and Senior high point horses and Top-10 amateurs **and Top-10 Select Amateurs** and Top-10 youth **13 and under and Top-10 youth 14-18** with any one horse will be recognized **with official AQHA Top-10 Year-End award,** in each event. The top-10 earners will receive a certificate of accomplishment along with the opportunity to purchase an official AQHA Top-10 Year-End award. – (member)
4. Amend rule: SHW813.4 YEAR-END HIGH-POINT HORSE - OPEN, AMATEUR, YOUTH - Open high point halter **Junior and Senior** Stallion/Mare/Gelding will be recognized. The top-10 earners will receive a certificate of accomplishment along with the opportunity to purchase an official AQHA Top-10 Year-End award. – (member)
5. Delete rule: ~~SHW813.5 Amateur Select exhibitors will be recognized, in each amateur event. The top-10 earners will receive a certificate of accomplishment along with the opportunity to purchase an official AQHA Top-10 Year-End award. – (member)~~
6. Delete rule: ~~SHW813.6 At least one point must be earned in the youth division in an event for the year-end high-point award to be presented. – (member)~~

7. Amend rule: SHW815: YEAR-END ALL-AROUND HIGH-POINT HORSE AND RESERVE ALL AROUND – OPEN JUNIOR HORSE AND SENIOR HORSE, , AMATEUR AND SELECT AMATEUR, YOUTH 13 AND UNDER AND 14-18 division- will be given to the high point and reserve horse in the Jr. and Sr. division, and the high point and reserve in each Amateur division, and youth exhibitor in each division, ~~open division, and the amateur and youth~~ with any one horse in their respective division, earning the most points in halter/performance halter and performance classes at AQHA-approved shows. – (member)
8. Delete rule: SHW815.3: YEAR-END ALL-AROUND HIGH-POINT HORSE AND RESERVE ALL AROUND – OPEN A certificate will be awarded to the high-point Select exhibitor in each amateur class. – (member)
9. Amend rule: SHW803 ALL- AROUND - OPEN, AMATEUR, SELECT AMATEUR, YOUTH- to include an English and Western All-Around for each show. – (member)
10. Add new rule: Grand Superior (Event) Horse – OPEN, AMATEUR, YOUTH – will be awarded to any stallion, mare or gelding in the open, amateur and youth division to the contestant and his/her horse in their respective division, that earned 100 or more points in one event, except for the title of superior race horse which requires 400 points. – (member)
11. Amend rule: SHW554 VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE DIVISION. - Points will be awarded in each individual class according to the placing received and based on the total number of horses competing in that particular class. Points earned in the ranch horse show competitions will ~~only count toward any award or qualification for the ranch division and do not count toward any other award or qualification for any other approved AQHA class or AQHA show~~ awards. - (member)
12. Add points to the record of the horse earned in individual VRH classes, retroactively to include the 2015, 2016 and 2017 show years. The VRH points earned in the individual classes during those years shall count for other AQHA awards, such as ROM and Superior. - (member)
13. Amend rule: SHW803.5 and SHW805 to list the VRH classes individually as part of category IX of the horse earned in individual VRH classes, retroactively to include the 2015, 2016 and 2017 show years. The VRH points earned in the individual classes during those years shall count for other AQHA awards, such as ROM and Superior. - (member)
14. Amend rule: SHW803 – ALL-AROUND – OPEN, AMATEUR, SELECT AMATEUR, YOUTH – to move Ranch Riding from category II to category V. - (member)

YOUTH SHOWING SUBCOMMITTEE

Agenda items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:

1. Add 13 & Under to the 2018 AQHYA World Show in Showmanship, Horsemanship,

Equitation, Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Ranch Riding and Trail. – (member)

Closing Business:

7. Voting by full committee on agenda items
8. Election of Committee Chair
9. Adjourn