

**Show Committee Agenda
2019 Convention
Fort Worth, Texas**

Mr. President the Show Committee makes the following recommendations:

GENERAL SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Approve request to develop a system to account for USEF member achievements when crossing over to show in AQHA leveled competition within youth, amateur and open divisions. Committee recommends staff to develop guidelines consistent with other alliance partner parameters currently in place.
2. Approve request to modify rule SHW378.3 to include biting with existing 10 point penalties. *Blatant disobedience including **biting**, kicking, rearing or pawing; horse continually circling exhibitor.*
3. Amend Cowboy Mounted Shooting rule SHW750.1.1 to read as follows: *AQHA/CMSA events for officiating purposes will follow AQHA bit and bridle, western equipment and speed event rules. No chain mouth pieces, illegal bits or horses with their mouth tied shut will be permitted. Notwithstanding, these rules include but are not limited to SHW300, SHW305, SHW306, SHW307, SHW325, VIO300 and VIO320.*
4. Add equipment rule SHW300.8 to read as follows: *All inhumane/prohibited equipment as listed in VIO204.13 is illegal for use at any time on the grounds at an AQHA approved event.*

SHOW FORMAT AND PROCEDURES SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Approve report from Affiliate Show Task Force to include the following modification to AQHA rules and show approval guidelines:
 - A. Allow any show with <500 entries to apply for halter classes in the following categories:
 - a. Junior Youth, Junior Amateur and Junior Open (defined as Junior 2 and Under; Senior 3 and Over)
 - b. Senior Youth, Senior Amateur and Senior Open (defined as Junior 2 and Under; Senior 3 and Over)
 - c. Youth Performance Mares, Geldings
 - d. Amateur Performance Mares, Geldings, Stallions
 - e. Open Performance Mares, Geldings, Stallions
 - B. Allow Level 1 judges to be hired for Introductory or Single day shows with less than 250 entries.
 - a. The show cannot include cattle or over fence classes, only core classes for which Level 1 judges are approved

- C. Allow judges to be hired for 3 shows in home state if they are Level 1, Introductory or Single Day shows.
- D. Provide show managers access to judge's database.
- E. Allow states to earn 3 total 6-pointed circuits per year if the following criteria are met:
- a. Must hold 2 of the 3 types of shows:
 - i. Level 1
 - ii. Introductory
 - iii. Single Judge
 - b. Must be held for 2 consecutive years and have applied for a 3rd consecutive year before applying for an additional 6-pointed circuit.
 - c. Level 1, Introductory or single judge shows must continue to be held or the additional 6-pointed circuit will not be approved.
- F. Modify calendar of shows to be assigned by weekends of the month, replacing the current weeks of the year. Weekends to be defined as beginning on Saturday.
- G. Develop marketing tool kits for affiliates, managers and secretaries.
2. Approve report from Show Fines and Penalties Task Force to include the following modification to AQHA rules and show approval guidelines:
- A. The following parties may be fined or disciplined for infractions:
 - a. Show Secretary/Management
 - b. Judges
 - c. Exhibitors
 - d. Show Sponsor / Financially responsible party
 - B. Categories of infractions:
 - a. Show Approval Application
 - i. Received after deadline (defined as less than 60 days prior to show). The following incidents constitute being received after the deadline:
 1. Received incomplete. It is not considered complete until all requested information is provided.
 2. Received without fees. It is not considered complete until fully paid.
 3. Staff inquiries. It is not considered complete until all inquiries are answered.
 - ii. Penalties/disciplinary action for above infractions:
 - \$1,000 for 1st offense
 - \$2,000 for 2nd offense
 - 1 year suspension for 3rd offense and show will not be approved in the future with the same management

b. Show Results

i. Received after deadline, (defined as less than 10 days after completion of the show). The following incident constitute being received after the deadline:

1. Received more than 10 days after completion of show.
2. Received with incomplete information – return and is not counted as complete until received complete which may result in above actions.
3. Received in non-computer format – return and is not counted as complete until received in correct format which may result in above actions.

ii. Penalties/disciplinary action for above infractions fine is \$50 per day per event code.

ii. Incomplete Results, fine is currently to show management is \$50 per day per event code.

1. Exhibitor allowed to show without membership.
2. Stallion allowed to show in youth or rookie or L1 Amateur classes.
3. Grand/Reserve halter not held, or no cards submitted.
4. Horse allowed to show performance halter without ROM.
5. Unregistered horse allowed to show in an AQHA class.

#2 and #4 are the exhibitor's responsibility, no fine or penalty, disqualification only.

c. Other

i. Re-judging of classes already held and placed.

1. Judges have primary responsibility here and should be held accountable.

ii. Non-payment of 3rd party fees. Recommended to change current rule SHW100.10 to hold only financial responsible party / sponsor liable.

iii. Management not on show grounds

1. After staff investigation allow 2 written warnings, then suspension to begin 120 days after infraction has been verified. In addition, 120 day suspension and must complete recertification of show management workshop.

iv. Management not reporting animal welfare issues

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C) Standard operating procedure for the following areas:

a. Inadequate equipment/obstacles being used – financial responsible party / sponsor.

1. Two written warnings

2. Show not allowed approval on next application for classes with prior questionable equipment. In addition a steward needs to be assigned at the next show to assess if the issues have been rectified.

b. Actions detrimental to AQHA – show management / secretary

i. Adding judges/number of points at any event without prior approval

1. \$1,000 1st offense, \$2,000 2nd offense, 1 year suspension for 3rd offense and show will not be approved in the future with the same management.

ii. Canceling event for reasons other than act of God, facility conflict/loss, conflict with AQHA event, or disease outbreak. Financial responsible party / sponsor - must show proof that all indemnities identified by grievance committee are met prior to next approval. As well as, reasons for issues and plans to resolve in the future.

3. **Approve** as amended, request to modify priority date rule SHW103.1 to include *Shows held in international countries will retain priority date for their country-specific holidays*. Committee recommends affiliates be required to identify their country specific holidays to AQHA staff for inclusion in rulebook.
4. **Approve** removal of Level 1 eligibility rule SHW245.3.4 *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*

WESTERN AND TIMED EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

1. **Approve** as amended, modification to rule SHW452 to allow western riding patterns 1-4 to be performed the opposite direction (mirror image) of how they are currently set, creating 4 additional patterns. Committee recommends labeling them as patterns 6-9.

ENGLISH AND DRESSAGE SUBCOMMITTEE

1. (coming from Karen)

WORLD SHOW SUBCOMMITTEE

1. **Approve** as amended, request to modify World Show qualifier handbook rules and regulations to not disqualify an exhibitor entering the arena with the wrong or missing back number but to assess a \$250 fine.
2. **Approve** as amended, request to lower qualifying points for roping exhibitors who cannot qualify in geographic areas without consistently large shows. Committee recommends all competitors in any class have the option to earn an invitation to the World Show by competing at a designated number of shows. a) Amateur Level 3 and Level 2; exhibit at 10 shows to be counted by show number on a 1 horse/1 exhibitor basis. b) Open Level 3 and Level 2; exhibit at 20 shows to be counted by show number.
3. **Approve** request to add dressage as a class at the AQHA World Show.
4. **Approve** as amended, request to add rule VIO407 to require drug testing all finalists at each World Show in addition to the previous year's top ten shows. Committee recommends collecting samples of up to 10 entries per World Show finals class which can be tested in addition to preselected placings.
5. **Approve** as amended, request to offer another option for qualifying in the pleasure driving. Committee recommends for all competitors in any class to have the option to earn an invitation to the World Show by competing at a designated number of shows. a) Amateur Level 3 and Level 2; exhibit at 10 shows to be counted by show number on a 1 horse/1 exhibitor basis. b) Open Level 3 and Level 2; exhibit at 20 shows to be counted by show number.
6. **Approve** request to include any exhibitor who has met the class requirements, regardless of qualification method, in the tabulation for All-Around at the Select World Show.

AWARDS, RECOGNITION AND MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE

1. **Approve** request to modify rule SHW804 to include select amateur as eligible to earn a superior all-around award.

HALTER SUBCOMMITTEE

1. **Approve** as amended, request to modify halter equipment rules as follows:
 - **SHW355.1** For the purpose of this rule, the term "halter equipment" shall include the use of a safety lead in halter classes.
 - **SHW355.1.1** a safety lead is defined as a round smooth soft/flexible nonabrasive cotton polyblend cord with a dense core no smaller than 3/8

inches that has an unsecured keeper with at least 3/4 inches of the cord outside of the halter before attachment of keeper or leather part of lead shank or chain links having a gauge of at least 4.0 mm;

- **SHW355.1.2** is applied only over gum and not through mouth;
- **SHW355.1.4** no foreign substances or additional materials may be added to the safety lead
- **SHW355.2** Applies to all age groups and horses with the exception of performance halter classes and ranch horse conformation classes
- **SHW355.4** Applying excessive pressure on or excessive jerking of an allowed safety lead is prohibited.

2. **Approve** as amended, request to modify rule SHW365.3. to require horses showing in performance halter to also compete in a performance class at the same show. Horses must be ridden or driven. Walk/Trot classes and showmanship would not count as a performance class.

To elect Tom McBeath, Chair of the Show Committee.

On behalf of the Show Committee, I move that the Membership support these recommendations and forward them to the Board of Directors for approval.

Tom McBeath, Chairperson