

**Ranching Committee Meeting Agenda  
2021 Convention  
San Antonio, Texas**

Mr. President the Ranching Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. With respect to agenda item 12, the committee approves in concept the request to amend rule SHW559 to add breakaway roping and steer stopping to the list of available RHC classes, and requests the Executive Committee create a task force to evaluate feasibility and develop rules, timeline for launching, and availability of prize money.
2. With respect to agenda item 14, modify rule SHW561.7 (VRH Ranch Trail) and SHW421.6 (Ranch Trail) to read: MANDATORY OBSTACLES AND/OR MANEUVERS. Ride over obstacles on the ground (**natural logs are required**). Walk, trot, or lope may be used, but only one gait is required.

Modify rule SHW561.6 and SHW421.5 to read: PROHIBITED OBSTACLES: Tarps, water obstacles with slick bottoms, PVC pipe used as a jump or walk over, tires, rocking or moving bridges, **painted logs or poles**, logs elevated in a manner that permits such to roll in a dangerous manner.

3. With respect to agenda item 15, modify rule SHW564.1 to read: Part Four – Drive the cow back down the fence (original side) past the middle marker and continue until the judge blows the whistle to show completion. **While boxing the cow at the opposite end, if the rider loses control and allows the cow to cross the center line, the judge will whistle the end of the run. The rider will receive off pattern penalty (OP) for the run.**
4. With respect to agenda item 16, modify rule SHW567.1 to read: To be eligible to compete in the ranch conformation class the horse must be shown in at least **two** riding classes in that division the day of the show.\*\*
5. With respect to agenda item 17, modify rule SHW567.6 to add: Exhibitors may qualify and show more than one horse in ranch conformation classes. Not allowing these horses to be shown by other exhibitors will make them ineligible for the all-around which will also affect the overall all-around results for other exhibitors. **Any current AQHA member can show the second or third horse for open competitors in Open VRH Ranch Conformation.\*\***
6. With respect to agenda item 7, a recommendation was made to create a Task Force to work in conjunction with the Ranching Council to review the Ranching Heritage Breeders application form, the mission of the Ranching Heritage Breeders program, and ways to elevate the impact of the program.
7. Re-elect Jecca Ostrander as the Chairman of the Ranching Committee.

On other matters not requiring vote of the membership or Board of Directors, the committee discussed a variety of other topics resulting in the following committee input:

- Consider sending a statement to AQHA show management, trail course designers, and other key parties to remind them of their obligation to follow AQHA rules when designing and offering ranch trail classes.
- Should the adoption of mandatory microchipping be considered in the future, the committee expressed concern that it would be a hardship on ranchers and reduce the number of horses registered with the association.

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

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Jecca Ostrander, Ranching Committee Chairman

*\*\*Pending further review regarding feasibility of recommendation.*

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