



PROFESSIONAL HORSEMEN MUST MAINTAIN A CURRENT-YEAR, INDIVIDUAL AQHA MEMBERSHIP

AQHA Professional Horsemen Code of Ethics

We, the members of the American Quarter Horse Association of Professional Horsemen in carrying out our role of providing service to the American Quarter Horse industry, recognize the need to do so in a professional manner, and to deal with the public and our colleagues with the highest degree of integrity. Therefore, we have set forth the following creed which shall govern our endeavors to fulfill our obligations:

- To adhere to the professional standards of the American Quarter Horse Association and to work to further its goals and objectives.
- To ensure that the welfare of the American Quarter Horse is paramount and that every American Quarter Horse shall at all times be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion.
- To abide by stringent rules established and enforced by AQHA demanding that American Quarter Horse breeders, owners, trainers, exhibitors, show officials, judges and professional horsemen are continually responsible for the wellbeing and humane treatment of any American Quarter Horse entrusted to their care. These rules include, but are not limited to, prohibited training practices, prohibited surgical procedure, prohibited chemical administration, or prohibited devices that could affect a horse's performance or alter the horse's natural conformation. Such rules further include compliance of all medication policies.
- To conduct all business affairs with integrity, sincerity and accuracy in an open and forthright manner.
- To act with integrity in financial dealings with clients, other professionals and the public. In this regard, any horse shown by my spouse, client or child will be owned as prescribed by applicable rules.
- To fully disclose to customers the actual sales price and commissions involved in the sale or purchase of a horse.
- To not charge or receive a monetary commission, or other remuneration constituting a commission from both the buyer and seller of a horse.
- To handle our business, operations and communications (including those through social media) in a manner that promotes the positive image of the American Quarter Horse industry.
- To instill confidence among clients and the public in the American Quarter Horse industry, avoiding any action conducive to discrediting it or membership in the American Quarter Horse Association.
- To show respect, courtesy, and decency towards fellow AQHA Professional Horsemen at all times by upholding the highest standards of professional ethics and mutual civility regardless of circumstances.
- To create a supportive culture that builds and maintains a collaborative relationship with all AQHA Professional Horsemen.

By signing this application, I agree to be bound by the rules of application and the Code of Ethics of the Association of AQHA Professional Horsemen. I understand that in order to participate in this program, I must maintain a continuous individual membership with AQHA.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PROFESSIONAL HORSEMEN MEMBERSHIP

- 1-Year membership renewal **\$60***
- 3-Year membership renewal **\$150***

**One-quarter of the renewal fee will be donated to one of these programs benefiting Professional Horsemen.*

Please apply my donation to the following program:

- Professional Horsemen Crisis Fund
- Professional Horsemen Scholarship Fund

If no box is checked, the donation will be applied to the Professional Horsemen Crisis Fund. As of March 1, 2021, donations to the Crisis Fund will be applied to the endowed portion of this fund.

AQHA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

- 1-Year membership renewal **\$55**
- 3-Year membership renewal **\$140**
- Life membership **\$1,250**

FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTION

- \$25** **\$50** **\$100** Other \$ _____
- Area of Greatest Need Hall of Fame & Museum
- Scholarship Equine Research Therapeutic Riding

Dues payments MAY BE deductible by members as an ordinary and necessary business expense, however, contributions or gifts to the American Quarter Horse Association are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. However, donations to the American Quarter Horse Foundation ARE tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Through the payment of a membership fee to AQHA, I acknowledge that membership in AQHA is voluntary and I agree to be bound by all the terms and conditions of AQHA's Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations.

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Secondary Phone Number:

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Email Address: _____

Website Address: _____

CHECK MONEY ORDER **IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

AMERICAN EXPRESS MASTERCARD VISA

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CARDHOLDER NAME

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CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE BILLING ZIP CODE

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AQHA Professional Horsemen Renewal

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NAME	AQHA ID#

YEARS OF OPERATION:

YEARS AS A TRAINER:	YEARS AS A RIDING INSTRUCTOR:	YEARS AS A BREEDER:	YEARS AS A JOCKEY:	YEARS AT CURRENT LOCATION:

MEMBERSHIPS: (fill in the circle of all that apply)

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| <input type="radio"/> AQHA Affiliate | <input type="radio"/> National Cutting Horse Association |
| <input type="radio"/> National Barrel Horse Association | <input type="radio"/> National Snaffle Bit Association |
| <input type="radio"/> National Reining Horse Association | <input type="radio"/> U.S. Dressage Federation |
| <input type="radio"/> National Thoroughbred Racing Association | <input type="radio"/> U.S. Equestrian Federation |
| <input type="radio"/> AQHA Racing Affiliate | <input type="radio"/> National Reined Cow Horse Association |
| <input type="radio"/> Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association | <input type="radio"/> Women's Professional Rodeo Association |
| <input type="radio"/> World Conformation Horse Association | <input type="radio"/> Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association |
| <input type="radio"/> National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance | |
| <input type="radio"/> Other Associations: _____ | |

JUDGES CARDS(S) HELD: (fill in the circle of all that apply)

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| <input type="radio"/> American Quarter Horse Association | <input type="radio"/> National Cutting Horse Association |
| <input type="radio"/> American Paint Horse Association | <input type="radio"/> Palomino Horse Breeders of America |
| <input type="radio"/> International Buckskin Horse Association | <input type="radio"/> National Reined Cow Horse Association |
| <input type="radio"/> National Snaffle Bit Association | <input type="radio"/> American Miniature Horse Registry |
| <input type="radio"/> National Reining Horse Association | <input type="radio"/> Canadian Equestrian Federation |
| <input type="radio"/> Pony of the Americas Club | <input type="radio"/> Pinto Horse Association |
| <input type="radio"/> U.S. Equestrian Federation | <input type="radio"/> Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association |
| <input type="radio"/> Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc. | <input type="radio"/> Western Dressage Association of America |
| <input type="radio"/> World Conformation Horse Association | <input type="radio"/> Other _____ |

SERVICES OFFERED: (fill in the circle of all that apply)

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| <input type="radio"/> Conditioning for sales | <input type="radio"/> Horse Auction/Sales | <input type="radio"/> Mare Care/Foaling Services |
| <input type="radio"/> Race Trainer | <input type="radio"/> Boarding/Layups | <input type="radio"/> Professional Jockey |
| <input type="radio"/> Frozen Cooled Semen | <input type="radio"/> Breaking | <input type="radio"/> Stallion Services |
| <input type="radio"/> Farrier | <input type="radio"/> Embryo Transfer | <input type="radio"/> Exercise Rider |
| <input type="radio"/> Racing Challenge Nominated: | <input type="radio"/> Weanlings | <input type="radio"/> Yearlings |
| <input type="radio"/> Other Services _____ | <input type="radio"/> Race Age | |

TRAINING:

- Show: Youth Amateur Open
- Western: Rail Reining Cutting Halter Roping
- Cow Horse Versatility Ranch Horse Speed Events
- Pattern Classes
- English: Rail Fences Driving Pattern Classes
- Racing: Training Center Race Track
- Lessons: Beginning Intermediate Advanced Horsemanship
- Handicapped Riding

Do you have lesson horses available? Yes No

Are you a member of a
Trainer/Instructor Certification Program? Yes No

If yes, please list the programs: _____

Other Services: (please specify) _____

MISSION STATEMENT: To enhance and promote industry professionals of the American Quarter Horse Association as the premier purveyors of equine services. The association serves to foster credibility, proficiency and advocacy through the endorsement of superior industry standards that will enable professionals to excel in a sustainable career.

Membership in AQHA Professional Horsemen is a privilege, not a right, subject to continual review of the Professional Horsemen Council and/ or the Executive Committee. Membership in the Professional Horsemen may be terminated by the Professional Horsemen Council and/or the Executive Committee with or without notice and formal hearing.

By becoming a member of AQHA Professional Horsemen, such member understands that the equine industry and clients expect a higher standard of conduct. As such, member understands and agrees that AQHA has the right to investigate complaint(s) regarding a member's alleged conduct. Further, such member must cooperate in the investigation and abide by decisions concerning application approval and revocation of membership.

The undersigned does hereby waive any right he/she may have to require disclosure to him/her by the Association of any information obtained to evaluate him/her as a Professional Horseman, agreeing that the confidentiality of information concerning the undersigned's character, reputation and horsemanship abilities is paramount to his/her disclosure rights, if any.

Applicant's
Signature: _____

Date: _____

FEES SUBJECT TO CHANGE, AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.