

AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

2017 AQHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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AQHA

- Established – March 1940, Fort Worth, Texas
- AQHA International Headquarters – Amarillo, Texas

Membership

- 2016 AQHA Membership – 253,579
- 2016 American Quarter Horse Youth Association Membership – 22,403

Transfers & Registration

- Horses Registered by AQHA since 1940 – nearly 6 million worldwide
- 2016 Registrations – 75,904
- 2016 Transfers – 115,864

Programs

Ride Program – provides noncompetitive, recreational riding events for AQHA members and nonmembers.

- 2016 Participants – 1,629
- 2016 Hosting Affiliates – 10
- 2016 Rides – 24

Horseback Riding Program – members log hours spent horseback and earn various awards.

- American Quarter Horse Division:
 - 2016 Enrollees – 16,127
 - 2016 Awards Given – 2,375
 - Total Hours Ridden – 453,037
- All Breeds Division:
 - 2016 Enrollees – 2,497
 - 2016 Awards Given – 632
 - Total Hours Ridden – 76,825

AQHA Professional Horsemen – group of dedicated horse industry professionals devoted to promoting the American Quarter Horse and servicing AQHA members by offering training assistance in a variety of areas.

- 2016 members – 755

Incentive Fund – “pay-for-points” program that pays bonus money to stallion and foal nominators, and nominated horse owners when horses earn points at AQHA-approved show events.

- 2016 payout – \$1,354,052.13
- Stallions Nominated as of April 1, 2016 – 624
- Foals Nominated as of April 1, 2016 – 2,205
- 2016 Points Earned by Licensed Horses (excluding those not paid due to point cap) – 61,515.5
- 2016 Per-Point Value for Nominators – \$22.01
- 2016 Per-Point Value for Licensed Horses – \$22.01

Shows – represent a major segment of the equine industry. American Quarter Horse shows offer youth, amateur, Select amateur and open classes for horsemen and -women to compete with their American Quarter Horses, testing their skills against other horses and riders for AQHA halter and performance points, as well as cash awards and prizes.

- 2016 Total Shows – 2,403
- 2016 U.S. Shows – 2,031
- 2016 Canadian Shows – 137
- 2016 International Shows – 235
- 2016 Total Show Entries – 925,937
- 2016 Total Special Events – 431
- 2016 Total Special Event Entries – 27,342
- 2016 Lucas Oil AQHA Amateur and Open World Championship Show Entries – 4,923
- 2016 Adequan[®] Select World Championship Show Entries – 1,215
- 2016 Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show Entries – 2,182
- 2015 (held in 2016) Zoetis AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse World Championships Entries – 431
- 2015 (held in 2016) AQHA Cowboy Mounted Shooting Championships Entries – 103
- 2016 AQHA West Level 1 Championships Entries – 1,722
- 2016 Nutrena East AQHA Level 1 Championships Entries – 2,581
- 2016 Farnam Central AQHA Level 1 Championships Entries – 1,690
- AQHA-Approved Judges – 1,164

Races – developed from the village lanes of colonial America, American Quarter Horse racing brings the thrill and excitement of closely matched American Quarter Horses racing at peak speeds near 55 miles per hour.

- 2016 Total Starters in American Quarter Horse Races – 14,786
- Average Purse Per Race – \$16,448
- Average Earnings Per Starter – \$8,598
- Total Purses – \$127,140,633
- 2016 Bank of America American Quarter Horse Racing Challenge Enrollments – 2,810
- Total Challenge Purses – \$4,107,481
- Nominator Awards – \$273,948

American Quarter Horse Association Publications – provide the most timely, comprehensive and accessible information available in the industry.

- *America's Horse* – official member publication of AQHA delivered to current AQHA members 10 times annually.
 - Total Circulation – 179,188
 - First issue – September 1998
 - Established for general interest AQHA members
- *The American Quarter Horse Journal* – official monthly business publication for the American Quarter Horse industry.
 - Circulation – 27,636
 - First issue – September 1948
 - Contains articles of interest to those who own, train, breed and exhibit in English and western disciplines with emphasis on rail, pattern and halter industries
- *Performance Horse Journal* – bimonthly magazine dedicated to owners, breeders and competitors in reining, cutting, roping, barrel racing and other western horse events.
 - Circulation – 22,000 paid and controlled
 - First Issue – July 2016
- *Ranch Horse Journal* – quarterly magazine dedicated to the American Quarter Horse ranch horse and ranch horse competition.
 - Circulation – 22,000 paid and controlled
 - First Issue – June 2016
- *Quarter Racing Journal* – official racing publication for the American Quarter Horse racing industry, printed semi-annually.
 - Circulation – 4,000
 - First Issue – January 1988

Networks – AQHA keeps horse enthusiasts informed and educated through a variety of mediums.

- aqha.com
- [youtube.com/aqhavideo](https://www.youtube.com/aqhavideo)
- e-newsletters
- Facebook – [facebook.com/aqha1](https://www.facebook.com/aqha1)
- Instagram – @officialaqha
- Twitter – @AQHA and @AQHANews
- Pinterest – [pinterest.com/aqha1](https://www.pinterest.com/aqha1)

American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum – opened in 1991, it is one of the most visible programs administered by the American Quarter Horse Foundation and is located adjacent to AQHA Headquarters. The Hall of Fame & Museum celebrated a grand reopening in 2007.

- Hall of Fame – individuals and horses who have made history with AQHA
- Library – the most comprehensive collection of equine information in the country
- Quarter Horse Outfitters – store filled with artwork, clothes, home décor and more
- Justin Boots Arena – demonstration arena for the American Quarter Horse
- Traveling Exhibits – various collections of sculptures, paintings and artifacts

American Quarter Horse Youth Association – designed for American Quarter Horse enthusiasts 18 years of age and younger, established on the premise of expanding youth participation with and knowledge of the American Quarter Horse. AQHYA currently has more than 22,000 members.

- Scholarship Program
- Junior Master Horseman
- Take Me Riding
- Youth Racing Experience Program
- Bank of America Youth Excellence Seminar
- AQHA Ranching Heritage Young Horse Development Program
- American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup
- Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show

** All numbers are as of 12/31/16.