



Q-Ribbon – October/November 2013

Deadlines to Remember

Prior to November 1, AQHA should receive your March show application(s) and any corrections to your February show(s).

Show Approval Fee / Deadlines / Date Change Requests

Please keep in mind show approval fees and deadlines. Show approval fees are based on the number of entries from the previous year's event. These fees are being assessed accordingly. These approval and late fees will be assessed to U.S. and international shows alike.

Show Approval Fees:

5,000 or more entries \$1,500

2,500-4,999 entries \$1,000

1,000-2,499 entries \$750

500-999 entries \$500

250-499 entries \$250

249 and fewer entries \$150

Introductory/all-Novice/Rookie/Equestrians With Disabilities/Versatility Ranch Horse/special event \$150

Dressage \$50

Show approval late fees are determined by the date received in the AQHA office:

90-119 days prior to show date \$200

60-89 days prior to show date \$400

Less than 59 days prior to show date and subject to denial \$1,000

Date and/or location change requests must be submitted in writing and accompanied by a \$25 nonrefundable fee.

Judges' Cards/Conflicts and Ineligible Entries

Remember, if a judge marks a conflict on a class placing card noting he/she is not able to judge a particular entry, the number of entries in that class must be reduced by the number of conflicts for which that judge did not judge.

Keep in mind that when results are processed in the AQHA office and it is found that an ineligible entry was judged in a class, the class number for that class will be adjusted (lowered) by the number of ineligible entries. As an example, an ineligible entry is one where a youth member was allowed to show in an amateur class; a junior horse was allowed to show in a senior class; a youth under 13 was allowed to show in the 14-18 class. This is when the eligibility of the class is not met and an exhibitor/horse is allowed to show in that class. AQHA will adjust the number of entries in that class to indicate the accurate number of eligible entries.

The show management team could be fined at AQHA's discretion for violation of these rules.

Class Filling

Please remember [Rule SHW122](#), regarding entries, in the [AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations](#). An exhibitor is not required to enter a particular class or division to be eligible for competition. Entering a class(es) shall be an option to the exhibitor.

[Rule SHW123](#), regarding entry fees: Fees may be charged, and if so, must be uniform to all exhibitors in the class, be collected by show management and paid by the entering party, not paid nor reimbursed by a third party, particularly another competitor in the class. All show fees shall be the same to all exhibitors within each respective division: open, youth, amateur, Novice youth and Novice amateur.

[Rule SHW123.6](#), regarding records: Show management shall maintain detailed written records, sufficient to establish to AQHA's satisfaction, upon request, that each exhibitor's entry fee was paid as required above. Such records shall be preserved for at least one year from the date of the show. Failure to maintain and preserve such record shall be cause for AQHA to disallow the class and refuse show results, or, if previously entered, remove them from AQHA's records.

These rules, and others, were put into place to discourage class filling. Should you become aware of a situation among exhibitors regarding class filling, you must report that to AQHA. Should AQHA find class filling has happened for which you were aware and did not report to AQHA, it is possible priority dates for the show will be in jeopardy.

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Judges

If you are having large specialized classes, such as hunters or roping, it is best to have a judge that is comfortable with that particular discipline and one who is comfortable judging many exhibitors. Should you need suggestions, please feel free to contact Alex Ross, AQHA senior director of judges, at aross@aqha.org.

Tractor Supply Co. Flake Premium Pine Shavings

[AQHA Corporate Partner Tractor Supply Co.](#) would love the chance to discuss their competitive, show-special rates on shavings. Their Flake Premium Pine Shavings are a quality bedding solution for horses. Flake shavings contain the lowest amount of dust while maintaining maximum absorbency in proportion to the cubic feet of stall floor coverage. Each bag is highly compressed for more economical transport – the package is only 2.5-cubic feet in size, but the contents expand to cover 8 cubic feet. Please contact Lisa White at lwhite@tractorsupply.com for more information.

Novice, Introductory and Rookie Show Sponsorship Money

[AQHA Corporate Partner Tractor Supply Co.](#) is providing financial support to AQHA affiliate Novice, introductory and Rookie shows that would like to hold educational clinics. There is still time to receive funding in 2013, so if you have an upcoming show, please contact Valerie Smith at valeries@aqha.org.

Training Tack Brochure

Click [here](#) to download the revised training tack brochure for your reference and availability to exhibitors.

Show Management Workshops

Need to attend a workshop? Check out the upcoming dates and locations [here!](#)

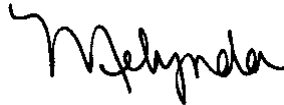
Q-Ribbon Newsletter

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Thanks for all you do!



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