

For Immediate Release:

Q-Ribbon June 2012

<u>Deadlines to remember</u>

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

Rookie Classes - Trial Memberships

Clarification of the rookie class trial membership – trial memberships are eligible to be given to new exhibitors who do not have an AQHA membership, or an exhibitor who has not been an AQHA member in the past three years. The trial membership is not for an exhibitor who enters a rookie class and a regular youth, amateur or open class – this special offer is reserved only for rookie exhibitor entries. For example, if a person wants to show in a rookie class and a Novice or regular class, the trial membership is not acceptable, the exhibitor would need to purchase the appropriate AQHA membership.

AQHA Membership Forms

Temporary membership cards will be coming back in the near future! Look for updated membership forms in your show packets, and on AQHA's website (<u>manager's resource page</u>) which will have the temporary card at the bottom that you can tear off and give to the exhibitor.

Ineligible Entry vs. Disqualified Entry

Please keep in mind there is a difference between an ineligible entry and an entry that has been disqualified, and AQHA will be working with judges and enforcing the rules as they pertain to ineligible entries. For example, a mare in a gelding class is an ineligible entry, a 2-year-old in a yearling class is an ineligible entry, a junior horse in a senior class is an ineligible entry, and a horse without a register of merit in performance halter is an ineligible entry.

Any horse/entry that does not fit the requirements of the class is considered an ineligible entry and as such, when the results are processed at AQHA will not be counted in the class with points adjusted accordingly. Ineligible entries are not treated the same as disqualifications in terms of the points awarded for a particular class. The results clerks are seeing an increasing number of ineligible horses entering various classes, and we are asking for your assistance regarding this.

A disqualified entry is one that meets the class requirements but has been eliminated by the judge. A disqualified horse meeting the class requirements is counted as an entry, provided it enters the arena and shows to the judge.

It is the judge's and show management's responsibility to ensure ineligible entries are marked on the judge's card appropriately. We appreciate your assistance!

Concurrent Classes

The Rookie classes can be either run separate or concurrent with the corresponding Novice class. If they are run concurrent, both the ring steward and announcer will need an up-to-date list of those who are entered in the Novice only, the Rookie only and those entered in both.

The judge will need to place to 15 on his/her Novice card when classes are held concurrent.

When the class is finished, the ring steward will pull the Rookie-only entries off of the list that was given to him before the class started. The judge can fill out the Rookie card at that point. Those placings will then be given to the annuancer.

Select Amateur Classes

It is suggested that you hold your Select amateur class prior to the corresponding amateur class as it will help you determine if you need to combine or not.

Class Codes

Reminder – please be sure to use Class Code 170 if you are offering boxing. The old code (164) is now the two-rein class code, so if you use the old code, it will appear you are offering two-rein and not boxing.

AQHA Young Horse Development Project

Objective: To give older AQHYA members who want to participate in a hands-on horse training an opportunity that will teach the fundamentals of horsemanship. The youth will have the chance to showcase their skills and knowledge acquired at designated events where they can earn scholarships and prizes. Participating AQHA Ranching Heritage members will offer youth horses for members to judge, select, purchase, raise and train. The rancher's goal will be to mentor these young horsemen to teach responsibility and goal-setting, important components of equine ownership. Click *here* for more information.

<u>Attached</u> is a form you may see as a show manager/secretary when youth in the program attend your show. Please help them out, make them feel welcome and sign their verification form so they may receive the proper credit for attending shows.

AQHA Stewards

Have an AQHA steward attending your show? Stewards have lots going on when they are working – just like you! Please provide them with the following, which will make their jobs easier, which in turn will make your job easier!

- Golf cart lots of steps to walk!
- Stall chart
- List of exhibitor names

Please also have your announcer make announcements that a steward is on the grounds – give the steward's name and state that person is there to help gently guide, educate and protect the horse. <u>Attached</u> is a story you may find helpful and interesting.

Incentive Fund Announcer's Script

This can be found on the <u>manager's resource page</u> – just wanted to bring it to your attention again:

Attention all exhibitors of AQHA Incentive Fund-nominated horses. Exhibitors, if you have not already paid your competition license fee, please go to the show office to pay it today. A competition license is required so points earned at this show, and throughout 2012, can count toward your Incentive Fund payouts. The amateur and open competition license fees can be paid in the show office today.

The AQHA Incentive Fund, a multimillion-dollar program that started in 1984, pays people for showing their American Quarter Horses. The Incentive Fund payments are based on the most familiar and proven concept in the American Quarter Horse show industry: points won at AQHA shows. While there were some changes that took place this year to the Incentive fund, it is still the same great program you have grown to love.

Is your horse eligible for the AQHA Incentive Fund but not enrolled? Go to www.aqha.com or call (806) 376-4811 for more information.

<u>AQHA Rules</u> (please note new amateur eligibility rules are now in effect) For the <u>most current version</u> of the AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and

Regulations, please be sure to refer to the online version, which can be found at www.aqha.com. The AQHA rulebook answers all your questions regarding AQHA rules, showing patterns, horse markings, equipment guidelines and more. You can also download the free AQHA rulebook app for your smart phone or tablet device, such as your iBook, Nook or Kindle.

Please remember the <u>online version</u> of the AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations is the default version. After changes are approved by the AQHA Executive Committee, the rules will be updated in the online version of the <u>AQHA Handbook</u>.

Competition Department Featured Employee - Lisa Pond

Lisa is the show approval clerk. She has been with AQHA 27 years and started April 1, 1985. Lisa began her career in the data entry department and was there for a few years when she came to the show department as a utility clerk and worked her way through results and then to approvals.

Lisa enjoys travelling, reading, music and relaxing with her three cats and dog. Recently, she traveled to England, the Netherlands and Belgium! Lisa's priorities are God, USA and John Wayne. One of her

biggest thrills was when she met The Duke! She loves her job and talking with many of you, whom she considers family.

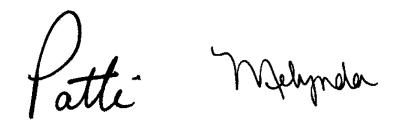
Q-Ribbon Newsletter

Miss an issue of the Q-Ribbon Newsletter? Check them out here – Q-Ribbon Newsletter Archives.

Facebook

In addition to the Q-Ribbon Newsletter you will have the opportunity to communicate with other show management through a secure Facebook page. This will be a private setting, and only show managers who have been accepted as a "friend" will have access and be able to post questions, information, pictures from your shows, etc. Friends will be accepted by AQHA upon review of criteria such as a current AQHA workshop certification, and current AQHA membership. Please search for the AQHA Show Management Facebook Group.

As always – please let us know if you have not heard from AQHA regarding your show approval application within 15 days from the date you sent it to us. We are happy to check the status of processing and get you information necessary to proceed with your plans for the show.



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"If you can imagine it you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it."

~William Arthur Ward

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